

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

State Office Building, Room G95 100 Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

January 11, 2018

The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton,

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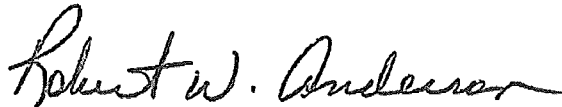
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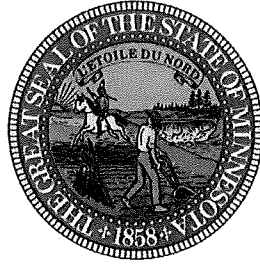
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President, Minnesota Senate
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2113
St. Paul, MN 55155

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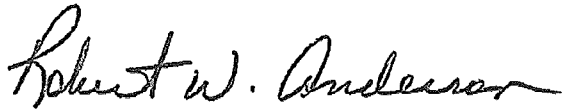
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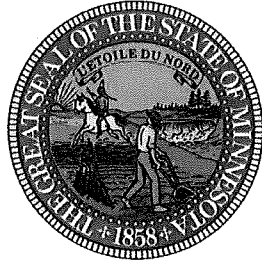
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Speaker, House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

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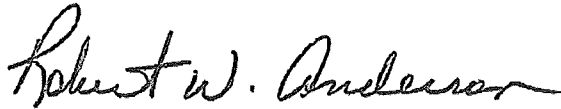
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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund.
 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 1.6 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
 1.7 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2018" and "2019" used in
 1.8 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
 1.9 ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2018.
 1.10 "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019. These
 1.11 are onetime appropriations.

1.12			<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
1.13			<u>Available for the Year</u>
1.14			<u>Ending June 30</u>
1.15			<u>2018</u> <u>2019</u>

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

1.17 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **-0-** **\$** **113,923,000**

1.18 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
 1.19 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
 1.20 purpose are specified in the following
 1.21 subdivisions.

2.1 Subd. 2. Prairies -0- 35,288,000

2.2 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
2.3 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
2.4 **X**

2.5 \$2,786,000 the second year is to the
2.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
2.7 in fee and restore lands for wildlife
2.8 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.9 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire lands in
2.10 fee for scientific and natural areas under
2.11 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 acquiring lands that are
2.15 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 X**

2.22 \$5,740,000 the second year is to the
2.23 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.24 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
2.25 in fee and restore lands for wildlife
2.26 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.27 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
2.28 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
2.29 priority must be given to acquiring lands that
2.30 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
2.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
2.32 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
2.33 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
2.34 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.35 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
2.36 **VIII**

3.1 \$2,001,000 the second year is to the
3.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
3.4 acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance
3.5 native prairies, grasslands, wetlands, and
3.6 savannas. Subject to evaluation criteria in
3.7 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
3.8 must be given to acquiring lands that are
3.9 eligible for the native prairie bank under
3.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
3.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
3.12 income statements and balance sheets for
3.13 income and expenses from land acquired with
3.14 this appropriation must be submitted to the
3.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
3.16 later than 180 days after The Nature
3.17 Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of
3.18 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
3.19 as part of the required accomplishment plan,
3.20 and the acquisitions must be consistent with
3.21 the priorities identified in *Minnesota Prairie*
3.22 *Conservation Plan*.

3.23 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
3.24 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase IX**

3.25 \$1,893,000 the second year is to the
3.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.27 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
3.28 cooperation with the United States Fish and
3.29 Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee or
3.30 permanent conservation easements and to
3.31 restore lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
3.32 Habitat Preservation Area in western
3.33 Minnesota for addition to the Northern
3.34 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
3.35 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
3.36 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

4.1 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
4.2 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
4.3 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
4.4 native prairie. A list of proposed land
4.5 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
4.6 required accomplishment plan, and the
4.7 acquisitions must be consistent with the
4.8 priorities in *Minnesota Prairie Conservation*
4.9 *Plan*.

4.10 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**
4.11 **- Phase VIII**

4.12 \$1,345,000 the second year is to the
4.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.14 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in
4.15 cooperation with Great River Greening, to
4.16 acquire lands in fee in the Cannon River
4.17 watershed for wildlife management under
4.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.19 subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee for
4.20 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
4.21 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to
4.22 acquire lands in fee for state forests under
4.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.24 subdivision 7; and to restore lands in the
4.25 Cannon River watershed. Of this amount,
4.26 \$945,000 is to The Trust for Public Land and
4.27 \$400,000 is to Great River Greening. Subject
4.28 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
4.29 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
4.30 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
4.31 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
4.32 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
4.33 A list of proposed land acquisitions and
4.34 restorations must be provided as part of the
4.35 required accomplishment plan.

5.1 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
 5.2 **- Phase VII**

5.3 \$1,490,000 the second year is to the
 5.4 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 5.5 permanent conservation easements to protect
 5.6 and restore native prairie according to
 5.7 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan. Of this
 5.8 amount, up to \$176,000 is for establishing
 5.9 monitoring and enforcement funds as approved
 5.10 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 5.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 5.12 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
 5.13 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 5.14 must be given to acquiring lands that are
 5.15 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 5.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 5.17 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 5.18 permanent conservation easements must be
 5.19 provided as part of the final report.

5.20 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
 5.21 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VIII**

5.22 \$5,000,000 the second year is to the Board of
 5.23 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 5.24 permanent conservation easements and restore
 5.25 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.26 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance
 5.27 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer
 5.28 program under the clean water fund for at least
 5.29 equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private
 5.30 land. Of this amount, up to \$745,000 is for
 5.31 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 5.32 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 5.33 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.34 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 5.35 conservation easements must be provided as
 5.36 part of the final report.

6.1 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
 6.2 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase IV**

6.3 \$1,162,000 the second year is to the
 6.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 6.6 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
 6.7 Chicken Society, to acquire lands in fee and
 6.8 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
 6.9 River valley for wildlife management under
 6.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 6.11 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 6.12 managed as waterfowl production areas in
 6.13 Minnesota in cooperation with the United
 6.14 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
 6.15 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
 6.16 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
 6.17 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
 6.18 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
 6.19 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
 6.20 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
 6.21 provided as part of the required
 6.22 accomplishment plan.

6.23 **(i) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition -**
 6.24 **Phase II**

6.25 \$2,447,000 the second year is to the
 6.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.27 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation
 6.28 League Inc., in cooperation with Ducks
 6.29 Unlimited and The Conservation Fund, to
 6.30 acquire lands in fee and restore and enhance
 6.31 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other
 6.32 wildlife habitat in Martin County for wildlife
 6.33 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
 6.34 86A.05, subdivision 8. Of this amount,
 6.35 \$1,978,000 is to Fox Lake Conservation
 6.36 League Inc., \$400,000 is to Ducks Unlimited,

7.1 and \$69,000 is to The Conservation Fund. A
7.2 list of proposed acquisitions must be provided
7.3 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

7.4 **(j) Protect and Restore Minnesota's Important**
7.5 **Bird Areas - Phase II**

7.6 \$829,000 the second year is to the
7.7 commissioner of natural resources for
7.8 agreements to acquire conservation easements
7.9 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird
7.10 areas identified in *Minnesota Prairie*
7.11 *Conservation Plan*. Of this amount, \$209,000
7.12 is to Audubon Minnesota and \$620,000 is to
7.13 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$120,000 to
7.14 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
7.15 monitoring and enforcement funds as approved
7.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
7.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
7.18 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
7.19 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
7.20 must be given to acquiring lands that are
7.21 eligible for the native prairie bank under
7.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
7.23 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
7.24 permanent conservation easements and
7.25 enhancements must be provided as part of the
7.26 required accomplishment plan.

7.27 **(k) Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase**
7.28 **III**

7.29 \$1,468,000 the second year is to the
7.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.31 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in
7.32 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
7.33 acquire permanent conservation easements
7.34 and to restore and enhance high-priority
7.35 grassland, prairie, and wetland habitats. Of
7.36 this amount, \$69,000 is to The Conservation

8.1 Fund and \$1,399,000 is to Minnesota Land
 8.2 Trust. Up to \$72,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
 8.3 is for establishing a monitoring and
 8.4 enforcement fund as approved in the
 8.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 8.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 8.7 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 8.8 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 8.9 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
 8.10 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 8.11 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 8.12 native prairie. A list of proposed acquisitions
 8.13 must be provided as part of the required
 8.14 accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions
 8.15 must be consistent with the priorities in
 8.16 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

8.17 **(l) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
 8.18 **Conservation Easement Program**

8.19 \$2,960,000 the second year is to the
 8.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.21 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in
 8.22 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the
 8.23 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to
 8.24 acquire permanent conservation “working
 8.25 land” easements and to restore wetlands and
 8.26 prairie grasslands. Of this amount, \$2,000,000
 8.27 is to Ducks Unlimited and \$960,000 is to
 8.28 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed
 8.29 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 8.30 required accomplishment plan.

8.31 **(m) DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase X**

8.32 \$4,007,000 the second year is to the
 8.33 commissioner of natural resources to
 8.34 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
 8.35 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife

9.1 management areas, in scientific and natural
 9.2 areas, on lands in the native prairie bank, in
 9.3 bluff prairies on state forest land in
 9.4 southeastern Minnesota, and in waterfowl
 9.5 production areas and refuge lands of the
 9.6 United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list
 9.7 of proposed land restorations and
 9.8 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 9.9 required accomplishment plan.

9.10 **(n) Enhanced Public-Land Grasslands - Phase**
 9.11 **III**

9.12 \$2,160,000 the second year is to the
 9.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.14 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 9.15 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 9.16 public lands. A list of proposed land
 9.17 restorations and enhancements must be
 9.18 provided as part of the required
 9.19 accomplishment plan.

9.20 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 9,131,000

9.21 **(a) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VII**

9.22 \$1,229,000 the second year is to the Board of
 9.23 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 9.24 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 9.25 Conservation District and The Conservation
 9.26 Fund, to acquire permanent conservation
 9.27 easements and restore forest wildlife habitat
 9.28 within the boundaries of the Minnesota
 9.29 National Guard Camp Ripley Sentinel
 9.30 Landscape and Army Compatible Use Buffer.
 9.31 Of this amount, \$39,000 is to the Morrison
 9.32 County Soil and Water Conservation District,
 9.33 \$207,000 is to The Conservation Fund, and
 9.34 \$983,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil
 9.35 Resources. Up to \$45,500 to the Board of

10.1 Water and Soil Resources is to establish a
 10.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 10.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 10.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 10.5 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 10.6 conservation easements must be provided as
 10.7 part of the final report.

10.8 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 10.9 **Restoration - Phase VI**

10.10 \$2,142,000 the second year is to the
 10.11 commissioner of natural resources for
 10.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee for wildlife
 10.13 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.14 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee
 10.15 for scientific and natural areas under
 10.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 10.17 subdivision 5; to acquire lands in fee for state
 10.18 forests under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.19 86A.05, subdivision 7; to acquire permanent
 10.20 conservation easements; and to restore and
 10.21 enhance prairies, grasslands, forests, and
 10.22 savannas. Of this amount, \$742,000 is to The
 10.23 Nature Conservancy, \$700,000 is to The Trust
 10.24 for Public Land, and \$700,000 is to Minnesota
 10.25 Land Trust. Up to \$120,000 to Minnesota
 10.26 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
 10.27 enforcement fund as approved in the
 10.28 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 10.29 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 10.30 Annual income statements and balance sheets
 10.31 for income and expenses from land acquired
 10.32 with this appropriation must be submitted to
 10.33 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 10.34 no later than 180 days after The Nature
 10.35 Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of

- 11.1 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
11.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
- 11.3 **(c) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase VI**
- 11.4 \$1,473,000 the second year is to the
11.5 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
11.6 lands in fee and to acquire easements for
11.7 forest, wetland, and shoreline habitat through
11.8 working forest permanent conservation
11.9 easements under the Minnesota forests for the
11.10 future program according to Minnesota
11.11 Statutes, section 84.66. A conservation
11.12 easement acquired with money appropriated
11.13 under this paragraph must comply with
11.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
11.15 subdivision 13. The accomplishment plan must
11.16 include an easement monitoring and
11.17 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
11.18 \$25,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
11.19 enforcement fund as approved in the
11.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
11.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
11.22 list of proposed land acquisitions must be
11.23 provided as part of the required
11.24 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent
11.25 conservation easements must be provided as
11.26 part of the final report.
- 11.27 **(d) State Forest Acquisitions, Richard J. Dorer**
11.28 **Memorial Forest - Phase V**
- 11.29 \$1,255,000 the second year is to the
11.30 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
11.31 in fee and enhance lands for wildlife habitat
11.32 in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood
11.33 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.34 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land

12.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
12.2 required accomplishment plan.

12.3 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
12.4 **Phase V**

12.5 \$1,094,000 the second year is to the
12.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
12.8 acquire permanent conservation easements
12.9 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest
12.10 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 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. A list of proposed
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12.16 provided as part of the required
12.17 accomplishment plan.

12.18 **(f) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative -**
12.19 **Phase III**

12.20 \$1,938,000 the second year is to the
12.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.22 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
12.23 Association to restore and enhance public
12.24 forest lands in the northern forest region for
12.25 moose habitat. A list of proposed land
12.26 restoration and enhancements must be
12.27 provided as part of the required
12.28 accomplishment plan.

12.29 Subd. 4. Wetlands -0- 28,116,000

12.30 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
12.31 **Acquisition - Phase X**

12.32 \$5,061,000 the second year is to the
12.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.34 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
12.35 lands in fee and to restore and enhance
12.36 wetlands and grasslands to be designated and

13.1 managed as waterfowl production areas in
 13.2 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
 13.3 States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list of
 13.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 13.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.6 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
 13.7 **Program - Phase VII**

13.8 \$4,770,000 the second year is to the
 13.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 13.11 lands in fee and to restore and enhance prairie
 13.12 lands, wetlands, and land buffering shallow
 13.13 lakes for wildlife management under
 13.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 13.15 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions
 13.16 must be provided as part of the required
 13.17 accomplishment plan.

13.18 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase IX**

13.19 \$10,000,000 the second year is to the Board
 13.20 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 13.21 permanent conservation easements and to
 13.22 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
 13.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
 13.24 Of this amount, up to \$292,500 is for
 13.25 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 13.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 13.29 conservation easements must be provided as
 13.30 part of the final report.

13.31 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**
 13.32 **III**

13.33 \$1,786,000 the second year is to the
 13.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.35 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

14.1 acquire permanent conservation easements
 14.2 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,
 14.3 and other habitat in high-priority wetland
 14.4 habitat complexes in the prairie and
 14.5 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this
 14.6 amount, up to \$240,000 is to establish a
 14.7 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 14.8 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 14.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 14.10 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 14.11 conservation easement acquisitions and
 14.12 restorations and enhancements must be
 14.13 provided as part of the required
 14.14 accomplishment plan.

14.15 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 14.16 **Enhancement - Phase X**

14.17 \$2,759,000 the second year is to the
 14.18 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 14.19 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 14.20 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
 14.21 and enhancements must be provided as part
 14.22 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.23 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative**
 14.24 **- Phase VII**

14.25 \$3,740,000 the second year is to the
 14.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
 14.27 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
 14.28 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
 14.29 public lands and wetlands under permanent
 14.30 conservation easement for wildlife
 14.31 management. A list of proposed shallow lake
 14.32 enhancements and wetland restorations must
 14.33 be provided as part of the required
 14.34 accomplishment plan.

14.35 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 40,978,000

14.36 **(a) Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII**

15.1 \$2,630,000 the second year is to the
15.2 commissioner of natural resources for
15.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
15.4 permanent conservation easements and to
15.5 restore and enhance natural systems associated
15.6 with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix
15.7 Rivers in the metropolitan area. Of this
15.8 amount, \$500,000 is to Minnesota Valley
15.9 National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000
15.10 is to Friends of the Mississippi River,
15.11 \$700,000 is to Great River Greening, and
15.12 \$1,130,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
15.13 \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
15.14 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
15.15 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
15.16 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
15.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
15.18 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
15.19 easements must be provided as part of the
15.20 required accomplishment plan.

15.21 **(b) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
15.22 **Partnership - Phase IV**

15.23 \$2,073,000 the second year is to the
15.24 commissioner of natural resources for
15.25 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
15.26 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters.
15.27 Of this amount, \$73,000 is to the Mississippi
15.28 Headwaters Board and \$2,000,000 is to The
15.29 Trust for Public Land. \$925,000 the second
15.30 year is to the Board of Water and Soil
15.31 Resources to acquire lands in permanent
15.32 conservation easements and to restore wildlife
15.33 habitat, of which up to \$65,000 is for
15.34 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
15.35 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
15.36 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

16.1 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.2 acquisitions must be included as part of the
 16.3 required accomplishment plan.

16.4 **(c) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
 16.5 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase IV**

16.6 \$2,801,000 the second year is to the
 16.7 commissioner of natural resources for
 16.8 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
 16.9 permanent conservation easements to sustain
 16.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
 16.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
 16.12 Counties. Of this amount, \$1,005,000 is to the
 16.13 Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and
 16.14 \$1,796,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
 16.15 \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
 16.16 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 16.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 16.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
 16.20 must be provided as part of the required
 16.21 accomplishment plan.

16.22 **(d) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements**

16.23 \$642,000 the second year is to the
 16.24 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 16.25 land in permanent conservation easements to
 16.26 protect trout stream aquatic habitat. Up to
 16.27 \$52,500 is for establishing a monitoring and
 16.28 enforcement fund as approved in the
 16.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 16.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
 16.31 list of permanent conservation easements must
 16.32 be provided as part of the required
 16.33 accomplishment plan.

16.34 **(e) Metro Wildlife Management Areas**

17.1 \$1,174,000 the second year is to the
 17.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 17.3 agreement with The Conservation Fund to
 17.4 acquire lands in fee in the metro area planning
 17.5 region for wildlife management under
 17.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 17.7 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land
 17.8 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 17.9 required accomplishment plan.

17.10 **(f) Dakota County Habitat**
 17.11 **Protection/Restoration - Phase VI**

17.12 \$2,288,000 the second year is to the
 17.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 17.14 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
 17.15 permanent conservation easements and lands
 17.16 in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and
 17.17 other habitats in Dakota County. A list of
 17.18 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 17.19 and enhancements must be provided as part
 17.20 of the required accomplishment plan.

17.21 **(g) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
 17.22 **Program**

17.23 \$1,514,000 the second year is to the
 17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
 17.25 agreement with Hennepin County, in
 17.26 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
 17.27 acquire permanent conservation easements
 17.28 and to restore and enhance habitats in
 17.29 Hennepin County. Of this amount, \$194,000
 17.30 is to Hennepin County and \$1,320,000 is to
 17.31 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to
 17.32 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a
 17.33 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 17.34 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 17.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 17.36 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent

18.1 conservation easements and restorations and
 18.2 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 18.3 required accomplishment plan.

18.4 **(h) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
 18.5 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
 18.6 **X**

18.7 \$2,291,000 the second year is to the
 18.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
 18.9 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 18.10 to acquire permanent conservation stream
 18.11 easements using the payment method
 18.12 prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.13 84.0272, subdivision 2, and to restore and
 18.14 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
 18.15 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
 18.16 in Minnesota. Up to \$20,000 is for establishing
 18.17 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 18.18 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 18.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 18.21 land acquisitions and restorations and
 18.22 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 18.23 required accomplishment plan.

18.24 **(i) Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership**
 18.25 **- Phase IV**

18.26 \$1,555,000 the second year is to the
 18.27 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 18.28 and enhance aquatic and forest habitats in the
 18.29 lower Mississippi River watershed, upper Pool
 18.30 9 backwater. A list of proposed restorations
 18.31 and enhancements must be provided as part
 18.32 of the required accomplishment plan.

18.33 **(j) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
 18.34 **V**

18.35 \$2,013,000 the second year is to the
 18.36 commissioner of natural resources to restore

19.1 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
 19.2 Of this appropriation, up to \$1,350,000 is for
 19.3 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
 19.4 list of proposed restorations must be provided
 19.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

19.6 **(k) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
 19.7 **III**

19.8 \$927,000 the second year is to the
 19.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
 19.10 agreement with Zeitgeist, in cooperation with
 19.11 the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, to
 19.12 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
 19.13 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
 19.14 must be provided as part of the required
 19.15 accomplishment plan.

19.16 **(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
 19.17 **Restoration Program - Phase VII**

19.18 \$1,421,000 the second year is to the
 19.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 19.20 agreement with the Shell Rock River
 19.21 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and
 19.22 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
 19.23 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
 19.24 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
 19.25 must be provided as part of the required
 19.26 accomplishment plan.

19.27 **(m) Lake George Dam and Rum River Erosion**

19.28 \$539,000 the second year is to the
 19.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
 19.30 agreement with Anoka County to enhance
 19.31 aquatic habitat in and adjacent to Lake George
 19.32 in Anoka County and to restore and enhance
 19.33 aquatic habitat on the Rum River. A list of
 19.34 proposed habitat enhancements and

20.1 restorations must be provided as part of the
20.2 required accomplishment plan.

20.3 **(n) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat**
20.4 **Program**

20.5 \$1,195,000 the second year is to the
20.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
20.7 agreement with the Buffalo-Red River
20.8 Watershed District to restore and enhance
20.9 aquatic and upland habitat associated with the
20.10 south branch of the Buffalo River and Whisky
20.11 Creek in the Buffalo River watershed. A list
20.12 of proposed restorations and enhancements
20.13 must be provided as part of the required
20.14 accomplishment plan.

20.15 **(o) Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and**
20.16 **Habitat Enhancement**

20.17 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the
20.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
20.19 agreement with the city of Hallock to restore
20.20 and enhance fish passage and habitat in the
20.21 South Branch Two Rivers. A list of proposed
20.22 restorations must be provided as part of the
20.23 required accomplishment plan.

20.24 **(p) Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay Habitat**
20.25 **Restoration**

20.26 \$567,000 the second year is to the
20.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
20.28 agreement with the Minnehaha Creek
20.29 Watershed District to restore and enhance fish
20.30 habitat in the Six Mile Creek - Halsted Bay
20.31 subwatershed. A list of proposed restorations
20.32 and enhancements must be provided as part
20.33 of the required accomplishment plan.

20.34 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
20.35 **Enhancement**

21.1 \$2,834,000 the second year is to the
 21.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 21.3 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
 21.4 streams and aquatic management areas and to
 21.5 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
 21.6 restorations and enhancements must be
 21.7 provided as part of the required
 21.8 accomplishment plan.

21.9 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
 21.10 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
 21.11 **X**

21.12 \$11,589,000 the second year is to the
 21.13 commissioner of natural resources for a
 21.14 program to provide competitive matching
 21.15 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
 21.16 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
 21.17 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
 21.18 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
 21.19 in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to
 21.20 \$2,567,000 is for grants in the seven-county
 21.21 metropolitan area and cities with a population
 21.22 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
 21.23 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
 21.24 owners of lands subject to conservation
 21.25 easements. Grants must not be made from the
 21.26 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
 21.27 that have a total project cost exceeding
 21.28 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$536,000
 21.29 may be spent for personnel costs and other
 21.30 direct and necessary administrative costs.

21.31 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
 21.32 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
 21.33 not be used to establish easement stewardship
 21.34 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
 21.35 to hunting and fishing during the open season
 21.36 unless otherwise provided by law. The

22.1 program must require a match of at least ten
22.2 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
22.3 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
22.4 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
22.5 commissioner must provide a separate,
22.6 simplified application process. Subject to
22.7 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of
22.8 natural resources must, when evaluating
22.9 projects of equal value, give priority to
22.10 organizations that have a history of receiving,
22.11 or a charter to receive, private contributions
22.12 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
22.13 acquiring land in fee or a conservation
22.14 easement, priority must be given to projects
22.15 associated with or within one mile of existing
22.16 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
22.17 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
22.18 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
22.19 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
22.20 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas
22.21 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
22.22 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or
22.23 enhancement projects must be on land
22.24 permanently protected by a permanent
22.25 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
22.26 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
22.27 by a conservation easement or by public
22.28 ownership, or in public waters as defined in
22.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
22.30 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
22.31 restoration and enhancement projects on public
22.32 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
22.33 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
22.34 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
22.35 available until June 30, 2022. No less than five
22.36 percent of the amount of each grant must be

23.1 held back from reimbursement until the grant
 23.2 recipient has completed a grant
 23.3 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
 23.4 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 23.5 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 23.6 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 23.7 program in the summary of game and fish law
 23.8 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 23.9 97A.051, subdivision 2.

23.10 Subd. 6. Administration -0- 410,000

23.11 (a) Contract Management

23.12 \$210,000 the second year is to the
 23.13 commissioner of natural resources for contract
 23.14 management duties assigned in this section.
 23.15 The commissioner must provide an
 23.16 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 23.17 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 23.18 on expending this appropriation. The
 23.19 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 23.20 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 23.21 manual. No money may be expended before
 23.22 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 23.23 approves the accomplishment plan.

23.24 (b) Technical Evaluation Panel

23.25 \$150,000 the second year is to the
 23.26 commissioner of natural resources for a
 23.27 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
 23.28 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
 23.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 23.30 subdivision 10.

23.31 (c) High-Priority Pretransaction Service
 23.32 Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 23.33 Heritage Council

23.34 \$50,000 the second year is to the
 23.35 commissioner of natural resources to provide

24.1 land-acquisition pretransaction services
 24.2 including but not limited to appraisals,
 24.3 surveys, or title research for acquisition
 24.4 proposals being considered by the
 24.5 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. A
 24.6 list of activities must be included in the final
 24.7 accomplishment plan.

24.8 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

24.9 Money appropriated in this section may not
 24.10 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 24.11 related to and necessary for a specific
 24.12 appropriation and are specified in the
 24.13 accomplishment plan approved by the
 24.14 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 24.15 Money appropriated in this section must not
 24.16 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
 24.17 overhead charges that are not directly related
 24.18 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
 24.19 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in
 24.20 this section are available until June 30, 2021.
 24.21 For acquisition of real property, the amounts
 24.22 in this section are available until June 30,
 24.23 2022, if a binding agreement with a landowner
 24.24 or purchase agreement is entered into by June
 24.25 30, 2021, and closed no later than June 30,
 24.26 2022. Funds for restoration or enhancement
 24.27 are available until June 30, 2023, or five years
 24.28 after acquisition, whichever is later, in order
 24.29 to complete initial restoration or enhancement
 24.30 work. If a project receives at least 15 percent
 24.31 of its funding from federal funds, the time of
 24.32 the appropriation may be extended to equal
 24.33 the availability of federal funding to a
 24.34 maximum of six years if that federal funding
 24.35 was confirmed and included in the second
 24.36 draft accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated

25.1 for fee title acquisition of land may be used
25.2 to restore, enhance, and provide for public use
25.3 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
25.4 Public-use facilities must have a minimal
25.5 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

25.6 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
25.7 **Equipment Expenditures**

25.8 All agreements referred to in this section must
25.9 be administered on a reimbursement basis
25.10 unless otherwise provided in this section.
25.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
25.12 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
25.13 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
25.14 1, 2018, or the date of accomplishment plan
25.15 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
25.16 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
25.17 this section. For the purposes of administering
25.18 appropriations and legislatively authorized
25.19 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
25.20 fund, an expense must be considered
25.21 reimbursable by the administering agency
25.22 when the recipient presents the agency with
25.23 an invoice, or a binding agreement with the
25.24 landowner, and the recipient attests that the
25.25 goods have been received or the landowner
25.26 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
25.27 must be made upon receiving documentation
25.28 that the items articulated in the
25.29 accomplishment plan approved by the
25.30 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
25.31 been achieved, including partial achievements
25.32 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
25.33 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
25.34 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
25.35 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
25.36 support future management of acquired lands,

26.1 or match a federal share. The advances must
26.2 be approved as part of the accomplishment
26.3 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
26.4 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
26.5 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
26.6 plan.

26.7 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

26.8 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
26.9 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
26.10 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
26.11 provide geographic information to the
26.12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
26.13 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
26.14 funds appropriated in this section and open to
26.15 public taking of fish and game. The
26.16 commissioner of natural resources must
26.17 include the lands acquired in fee with money
26.18 appropriated in this section on maps showing
26.19 public recreational opportunities. Maps must
26.20 include information on and acknowledgment
26.21 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
26.22 notation of any restrictions.

26.23 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

26.24 (a) The availability of the appropriation in
26.25 Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2,
26.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (e), for Mustinka
26.27 River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor
26.28 Rehabilitation is extended to June 30, 2022.

26.29 (b) The availability of the appropriation in
26.30 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2,
26.31 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph
26.32 (j), for Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat
26.33 Restoration is extended to June 30, 2021.

- 27.1 (c) This subdivision is effective the day
- 27.2 following final enactment.