

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 15, 2020

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

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- 14,121 acres of wetlands and wetland systems protected, restored, and enhanced;
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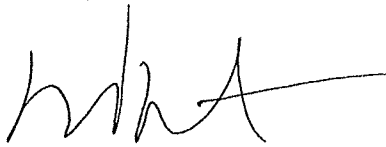
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David Hartwell  
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Speaker, House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building  
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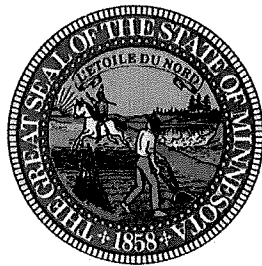
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President, Minnesota Senate  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3107  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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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 modifying previous appropriations; amending Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1,

1.4 section 2, subdivision 3; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1,

1.5 section 2, subdivision 5.

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

1.7 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

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

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

1.10 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in

1.11 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year

1.12 ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020.

1.13 "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. These

1.14 are onetime appropriations.

1.15		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
1.16		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
1.17		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
1.18		<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>

1.19 Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.20	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>137,500,000</u></b>
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1.21 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.22 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

1.23 purpose are specified in the following

1.24 subdivisions.

2.1	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Prairies</b></u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>41,803,000</u>
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2.2 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
 2.3 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
 2.4 **XII**

2.5 \$2,410,000 the second year is to the  
 2.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 2.7 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
 2.8 wildlife management under Minnesota  
 2.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and  
 2.10 to acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural  
 2.11 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.12 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation  
 2.13 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
 2.14 priority must be given to acquiring 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 **Program - Phase XII**

2.22 \$3,876,000 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 and enhance lands for  
 2.26 wildlife management 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 given  
 2.30 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 2.31 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.32 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 2.33 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
 2.34 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 2.35 required accomplishment plan.



3.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
3.2 **X**

3.3 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the  
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
3.6 acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance  
3.7 native prairies, grasslands, wetlands, and  
3.8 savannas. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
3.9 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
3.10 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
3.11 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
3.13 adjacent to protected native prairie. No later  
3.14 than 180 days after The Nature Conservancy's  
3.15 fiscal year ends, The Nature Conservancy must  
3.16 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
3.17 Council annual income statements and balance  
3.18 sheets for income and expenses from land  
3.19 acquired with this appropriation. A list of  
3.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan,  
3.22 and the acquisitions must be consistent with  
3.23 the priorities identified in *Minnesota Prairie*  
3.24 *Conservation Plan*.

3.25 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
3.26 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase XI**

3.27 \$2,677,000 the second year is to the  
3.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.29 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
3.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
3.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee or  
3.32 permanent conservation easements and to  
3.33 restore and enhance lands in the Northern  
3.34 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in  
3.35 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
3.36 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

4.1 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 4.2 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
 4.3 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 4.4 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 4.5 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 4.6 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
 4.7 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 4.8 required accomplishment plan, and the  
 4.9 acquisitions must be consistent with the  
 4.10 priorities in *Minnesota Prairie Conservation*  
 4.11 *Plan.*

4.12 **(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat**  
 4.13 **Restoration - Phase III**

4.14 \$2,203,000 the second year is to acquire land  
 4.15 in permanent conservation easement and to  
 4.16 restore river and related habitat in the Wild  
 4.17 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$173,000  
 4.18 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 4.19 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
 4.20 District and \$2,030,000 is to the Board of  
 4.21 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water  
 4.22 and Soil Resources may use up to \$91,000 for  
 4.23 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 4.24 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 4.25 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 4.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 4.27 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
 4.28 required accomplishment plan.

4.29 **(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition -**  
 4.30 **Phase IV**

4.31 \$2,785,000 the second year is to the  
 4.32 commissioner of natural resources for  
 4.33 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore  
 4.34 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
 4.35 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
 4.36 County for wildlife management under

5.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 5.2 subdivision 8. Of this amount, \$2,063,000 is  
 5.3 to Fox Lake Conservation League Inc.,  
 5.4 \$618,000 is to Ducks Unlimited, and \$104,000  
 5.5 is to The Conservation Fund. A list of  
 5.6 proposed acquisitions must be provided as part  
 5.7 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.8 **(g) RIM Grasslands Reserve - Phase II**  
 5.9 \$3,772,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 5.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 5.11 permanent conservation easements and to  
 5.12 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
 5.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501 to  
 5.14 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$65,000 is  
 5.15 for establishing 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 VI**  
 5.23 \$2,025,000 the second year is to the  
 5.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 5.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 5.26 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
 5.27 Chicken Society, to acquire lands in fee and  
 5.28 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
 5.29 River valley for wildlife management under  
 5.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 5.31 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
 5.32 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
 5.33 Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
 5.34 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
 5.35 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part

6.1 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
 6.2 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
 6.3 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
 6.4 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
 6.5 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 6.6 provided as part of the required  
 6.7 accomplishment plan.

6.8 **(i) Heron Lake Area Conservation Partnership**

6.9 \$5,242,000 the second year is to the  
 6.10 commissioner of natural resources for  
 6.11 agreements to acquire land in fee for wildlife  
 6.12 management under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 6.13 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
 6.14 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
 6.15 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United  
 6.16 States Fish and Wildlife Service; to acquire  
 6.17 land in permanent conservation easement; and  
 6.18 to restore and enhance wildlife habitat within  
 6.19 the Heron Lake Watershed as follows:  
 6.20 \$1,863,000 is to Ducks Unlimited; \$1,517,000  
 6.21 is to Pheasants Forever; \$801,000 is to the  
 6.22 Heron Lake Watershed District; and  
 6.23 \$1,061,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of  
 6.24 which up to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust  
 6.25 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement  
 6.26 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 6.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 6.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 6.29 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 6.30 required accomplishment plan.

6.31 **(j) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex**  
 6.32 **- Phase IX**

6.33 \$1,339,000 the second year is to the  
 6.34 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 6.35 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in

7.1 cooperation with Great River Greening, to  
7.2 acquire lands in fee in the Cannon River  
7.3 watershed for wildlife management under  
7.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
7.5 subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee for  
7.6 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
7.7 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to  
7.8 acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural  
7.9 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.10 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire lands in fee  
7.11 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
7.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and to restore  
7.13 and enhance lands in the Cannon River  
7.14 watershed. Of this amount, \$1,035,000 is to  
7.15 The Trust for Public Land and \$304,000 is to  
7.16 Great River Greening. Subject to evaluation  
7.17 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
7.18 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
7.19 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
7.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
7.21 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
7.22 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
7.23 must be provided as part of the required  
7.24 accomplishment plan.

7.25 **(k) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**  
7.26 **Conservation Easement Program - Phase II**

7.27 \$3,718,000 the second year is to the  
7.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in  
7.30 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the  
7.31 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to  
7.32 acquire permanent conservation working lands  
7.33 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie  
7.34 grasslands. Of this amount, \$2,623,000 is to  
7.35 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,095,000 is to  
7.36 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed

8.1 acquisitions and restorations must be provided  
8.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

8.3 **(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XII**

8.4 \$5,170,000 the second year is to the  
8.5 commissioner of natural resources to  
8.6 accelerate restoration and enhancement of  
8.7 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
8.8 management areas, in scientific and natural  
8.9 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
8.10 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
8.11 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
8.12 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
8.13 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
8.14 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
8.15 and enhancements must be provided as part  
8.16 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.17 **(m) Enhanced Public Land: Grasslands - Phase**  
8.18 **IV**

8.19 \$2,660,000 the second year is to the  
8.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
8.22 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
8.23 public lands. A list of proposed land  
8.24 restorations and enhancements must be  
8.25 provided as part of the required  
8.26 accomplishment plan.

8.27 **Subd. 3. Forests**

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15,946,000

8.28 **(a) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**  
8.29 **Protection Program - Phase VIII**

8.30 \$3,164,000 the second year is to the Board of  
8.31 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
8.32 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
8.33 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
8.34 conservation easements and restore and  
8.35 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the

9.1 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard  
 9.2 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
 9.3 Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to  
 9.4 \$163,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
 9.5 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 9.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 9.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 9.8 list of permanent conservation easements must  
 9.9 be provided as part of the final report.

9.10 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 9.11 **Restoration - Phase VIII**

9.12 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the  
 9.13 commissioner of natural resources for  
 9.14 agreements as follows:

9.15 (1) \$1,335,000 to The Nature Conservancy to  
 9.16 acquire lands in fee for wildlife management  
 9.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.18 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
 9.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.20 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
 9.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.22 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management  
 9.23 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.24 86A.05, subdivision 14, and to restore and  
 9.25 enhance wildlife habitat;

9.26 (2) \$930,000 to The Trust for Public Land to  
 9.27 acquire lands in fee for wildlife management  
 9.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.29 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
 9.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.31 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
 9.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.33 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management  
 9.34 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.35 86A.05, subdivision 14; and

10.1 (3) \$890,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
 10.2 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 10.3 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat, of  
 10.4 which \$96,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
 10.5 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 10.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 10.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.8 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 10.9 provided as part of the required  
 10.10 accomplishment plan.

10.11 **(c) Northern Forest Habitat Conservation**

10.12 \$4,905,000 the second year is to the  
 10.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.14 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 10.15 acquire forest land in fee to be permanently  
 10.16 protected and managed by St. Louis County  
 10.17 as county forest lands. A list of proposed land  
 10.18 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 10.19 required accomplishment plan.

10.20 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement**

10.21 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the  
 10.22 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 10.23 and enhance wildlife habitat in the northern  
 10.24 forest region in wildlife management areas,  
 10.25 scientific and natural areas, aquatic  
 10.26 management areas, and state forests. A list of  
 10.27 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 10.28 must be provided as part of the required  
 10.29 accomplishment plan.

10.30 **(e) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement -**  
 10.31 **Phase II**

10.32 \$1,167,000 the second year is to the  
 10.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 10.34 and enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.



11.1 A list of proposed land enhancements must be  
 11.2 provided as part of the required  
 11.3 accomplishment plan.

11.4 **(f) Young Forest Conservation - Phase III**

11.5 \$1,487,000 the second year is to the  
 11.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.7 agreement with the American Bird  
 11.8 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,  
 11.9 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife  
 11.10 management. A list of proposed forest land  
 11.11 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 11.12 required accomplishment plan.

11.13 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 14,729,000

11.14 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**  
 11.15 **Acquisition - Phase XII**

11.16 \$4,268,000 the second year is to the  
 11.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.18 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 11.19 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 11.20 Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee and  
 11.21 to restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
 11.22 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
 11.23 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
 11.24 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 11.25 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

11.26 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
 11.27 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

11.28 \$5,376,000 the second year is to the  
 11.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 11.31 lands in fee for wildlife management under  
 11.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 11.33 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
 11.34 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering  
 11.35 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions

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

12.3 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**  
12.4 **V**

12.5 \$3,130,000 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 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,  
12.10 and other habitat on permanently protected  
12.11 conservation easements in high-priority  
12.12 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and  
12.13 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this  
12.14 amount, up to \$288,000 is to establish a  
12.15 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
12.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
12.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
12.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
12.19 conservation easement acquisitions,  
12.20 restorations, and enhancements must be  
12.21 provided as part of the required  
12.22 accomplishment plan.

12.23 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
12.24 **Enhancement - Phase XII**

12.25 \$1,955,000 the second year is to the  
12.26 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
12.27 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
12.28 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
12.29 and enhancements must be provided as part  
12.30 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.31 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

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64,662,000

12.32 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
12.33 **Minnesota's North Shore**

12.34 \$2,110,000 the second year is to the  
12.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

- 13.1 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
13.2 acquire permanent conservation easements  
13.3 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
13.4 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.  
13.5 Of this amount, up to \$192,000 is to establish  
13.6 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
13.7 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
13.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
13.10 conservation easement acquisitions,  
13.11 restorations, and enhancements must be  
13.12 provided as part of the required  
13.13 accomplishment plan.
- 13.14 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X**
- 13.15 \$7,551,000 the second year is to the  
13.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.17 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
13.18 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.19 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
13.20 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
13.21 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
13.22 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,  
13.23 \$800,000 is to Minnesota Valley National  
13.24 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to  
13.25 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is  
13.26 to Great River Greening, \$4,485,000 is to The  
13.27 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to  
13.28 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to  
13.29 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
13.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
13.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
13.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
13.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
13.34 acquisitions and permanent conservation

14.1 easements must be provided as part of the  
 14.2 required accomplishment plan.

14.3 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**

14.4 \$2,643,000 the second year is to the  
 14.5 commissioner of natural resources for  
 14.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
 14.7 permanent conservation easements and to  
 14.8 restore and enhance habitat in targeted  
 14.9 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve  
 14.10 heritage brook trout and coldwater  
 14.11 communities. Of this amount, \$408,000 is to  
 14.12 The Nature Conservancy, \$300,000 is to Trout  
 14.13 Unlimited, \$1,000,000 is to The Trust for  
 14.14 Public Land, and \$935,000 is to Minnesota  
 14.15 Land Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land  
 14.16 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 14.17 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 14.18 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 14.19 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 14.20 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
 14.21 permanent conservation easements must be  
 14.22 provided as part of the required  
 14.23 accomplishment plan.

14.24 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
 14.25 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**

14.26 \$3,283,000 the second year is to the  
 14.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
 14.28 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
 14.29 permanent conservation easements and to  
 14.30 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
 14.31 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
 14.32 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
 14.33 Counties. Of this amount, \$1,030,000 is to  
 14.34 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,253,000  
 14.35 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000

15.1 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
 15.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 15.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 15.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 15.5 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
 15.6 provided as part of the required  
 15.7 accomplishment plan.

15.8 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
 15.9 **Southwest Minnesota**

15.10 \$3,551,000 the second year is to the  
 15.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 15.12 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 15.13 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 15.14 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
 15.15 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
 15.16 this amount, up to \$192,000 is to establish a  
 15.17 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 15.18 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 15.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 15.20 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 15.21 conservation easement acquisitions,  
 15.22 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 15.23 provided as part of the required  
 15.24 accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
 15.26 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**  
 15.27 **- Phase I**

15.28 \$2,868,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 15.29 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
 15.30 restore permanent conservation easements of  
 15.31 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline  
 15.32 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an  
 15.33 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil  
 15.34 and Water Conservation District. Up to  
 15.35 \$156,000 of the total amount is for  
 15.36 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

16.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 16.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 16.4 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
 16.5 required accomplishment plan.

16.6 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
 16.7 **Project - Phase V**

16.8 \$4,310,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
 16.9 in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the  
 16.10 Mississippi headwaters as follows:

16.11 (1) \$2,522,000 is to the commissioner of  
 16.12 natural resources for agreements as follows:  
 16.13 \$76,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board  
 16.14 and \$2,446,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
 16.15 and

16.16 (2) \$1,788,000 is to the Board of Water and  
 16.17 Soil Resources, of which up to \$188,000 is  
 16.18 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 16.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 16.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.21 97A.056, subdivision 17.

16.22 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
 16.23 included as part of the required  
 16.24 accomplishment plan.

16.25 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**  
 16.26 **Program - Phase II**

16.27 \$3,681,000 the second year is to the  
 16.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.29 agreements with Hennepin County, in  
 16.30 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
 16.31 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 16.32 and to restore and enhance habitats in  
 16.33 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to  
 16.34 Hennepin County and \$3,235,000 to  
 16.35 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$336,000 to

17.1 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a  
 17.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 17.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 17.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 17.5 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
 17.6 conservation easements, restorations, and  
 17.7 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 17.8 required accomplishment plan.

17.9 **(i) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
 17.10 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
 17.11 **XII**

17.12 \$1,719,000 the second year is to the  
 17.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 17.14 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
 17.15 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and  
 17.16 other species in and along coldwater rivers,  
 17.17 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
 17.18 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and  
 17.19 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 17.20 required accomplishment plan.

17.21 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
 17.22 **Enhancement - Phase III**

17.23 \$4,421,000 the second year is to the  
 17.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 17.25 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
 17.26 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
 17.27 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
 17.28 restorations and enhancements must be  
 17.29 provided as part of the required  
 17.30 accomplishment plan.

17.31 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
 17.32 **VII**

17.33 \$2,660,000 the second year is to the  
 17.34 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 17.35 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.  
 17.36 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed

18.1 restorations must be provided as part of the  
 18.2 required accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
 18.4 **V**

18.5 \$817,000 the second year is to the  
 18.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 18.7 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit  
 18.8 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake  
 18.9 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and  
 18.10 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River  
 18.11 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements  
 18.12 must be provided as part of the required  
 18.13 accomplishment plan.

18.14 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 18.15 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

18.16 \$2,237,000 the second year is to the  
 18.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 18.18 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 18.19 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and  
 18.20 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the  
 18.21 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
 18.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 18.23 must be provided as part of the required  
 18.24 accomplishment plan.

18.25 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**  
 18.26 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**  
 18.27 **Stabilization**

18.28 \$952,000 the second year is to the  
 18.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 18.30 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
 18.31 Water Conservation District to restore and  
 18.32 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River  
 18.33 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and  
 18.34 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed  
 18.35 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 18.36 required accomplishment plan.



19.1 **(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration**

19.2 \$3,542,000 the second year is to the  
19.3 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.4 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
19.5 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat  
19.6 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River  
19.7 Wildlife Management Area.

19.8 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
19.9 **and Restoration - Phase II**

19.10 \$4,580,000 the second year is to the  
19.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
19.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
19.13 permanent conservation easements and to  
19.14 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
19.15 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$500,000  
19.16 to the Sauk River Watershed District,  
19.17 \$2,419,000 to Pheasants Forever, and  
19.18 \$1,661,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
19.19 \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
19.20 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
19.21 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
19.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
19.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
19.24 must be provided as part of the required  
19.25 accomplishment plan.

19.26 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

19.27 \$1,576,000 the second year is to the  
19.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.29 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire  
19.30 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland  
19.31 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions  
19.32 must be provided as part of the required  
19.33 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
20.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
20.3 **XII**

20.4 \$12,161,000 the second year is to the  
20.5 commissioner of natural resources for a  
20.6 program to provide competitive matching  
20.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
20.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
20.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
20.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
20.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
20.12 \$3,900,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
20.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
20.14 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made  
20.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
20.16 owners of lands subject to conservation  
20.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
20.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
20.19 that have a total project cost exceeding  
20.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000  
20.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
20.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.

20.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
20.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
20.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
20.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
20.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
20.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
20.29 program must require a match of at least ten  
20.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
20.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
20.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
20.33 commissioner must provide a separate,  
20.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
20.35 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of  
20.36 natural resources must, when evaluating

21.1 projects of equal value, give priority to  
21.2 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
21.3 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
21.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. For  
21.5 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a  
21.6 conservation easement, the commissioner must  
21.7 give priority to projects associated with or  
21.8 within one mile of existing wildlife  
21.9 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
21.10 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and  
21.11 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
21.12 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or  
21.13 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
21.14 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
21.15 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement  
21.16 projects must be on land permanently  
21.17 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring  
21.18 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
21.19 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
21.20 conservation easement or public ownership or  
21.21 in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
21.22 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
21.23 Priority must be given to restoration and  
21.24 enhancement projects on public lands.  
21.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.26 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
21.27 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
21.28 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five  
21.29 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
21.30 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
21.31 recipient has completed a grant  
21.32 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
21.33 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
21.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
21.35 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
21.36 program in the summary of game and fish law

22.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 22.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.3 **Subd. 6. Administration** -0- 360,000

22.4 **(a) Contract Management**

22.5 \$210,000 the second year is to the  
 22.6 commissioner of natural resources for contract  
 22.7 management duties assigned in this section.

22.8 The commissioner must provide an  
 22.9 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 22.10 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.11 on expending this appropriation. The  
 22.12 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 22.13 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 22.14 manual. No money may be expended before  
 22.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.16 approves the accomplishment plan.

22.17 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.18 \$150,000 the second year is to the  
 22.19 commissioner of natural resources for a  
 22.20 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25  
 22.21 restoration and enhancement evaluations under  
 22.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 22.23 subdivision 10.

22.24 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

22.25 Money appropriated in this section may not  
 22.26 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
 22.27 related to and necessary for a specific  
 22.28 appropriation and are specified in the  
 22.29 accomplishment plan approved by the  
 22.30 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 22.31 Money appropriated in this section must not  
 22.32 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
 22.33 overhead charges that are not directly related  
 22.34 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

23.1 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in  
 23.2 this section are available until June 30, 2023.  
 23.3 For acquisition of real property, the amounts  
 23.4 in this section are available until June 30,  
 23.5 2024, if a binding agreement with a landowner  
 23.6 or purchase agreement is entered into by June  
 23.7 30, 2023, and closed no later than June 30,  
 23.8 2024. Funds for restoration or enhancement  
 23.9 are available until June 30, 2025, or five years  
 23.10 after acquisition, whichever is later, in order  
 23.11 to complete initial restoration or enhancement  
 23.12 work. If a project receives at least 15 percent  
 23.13 of its funding from federal funds, the time of  
 23.14 the appropriation may be extended to equal  
 23.15 the availability of federal funding to a  
 23.16 maximum of six years if the federal funding  
 23.17 was confirmed and included in the original  
 23.18 approved draft accomplishment plan. Funds  
 23.19 appropriated for fee title acquisition of land  
 23.20 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide  
 23.21 for public use of the land acquired with the  
 23.22 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
 23.23 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

23.24 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
 23.25 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.26 All agreements referred to in this section must  
 23.27 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
 23.28 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
 23.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 23.30 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
 23.31 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
 23.32 1, 2020, or the date of accomplishment plan  
 23.33 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
 23.34 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
 23.35 this section. For the purposes of administering  
 23.36 appropriations and legislatively authorized

24.1 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
24.2 fund, an expense must be considered  
24.3 reimbursable by the administering agency  
24.4 when the recipient presents the agency with  
24.5 an invoice, or a binding agreement with the  
24.6 landowner, and the recipient attests that the  
24.7 goods have been received or the landowner  
24.8 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
24.9 must be made upon receiving documentation  
24.10 that the items articulated in the  
24.11 accomplishment plan approved by the  
24.12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
24.13 been achieved, including partial achievements  
24.14 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
24.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
24.16 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
24.17 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
24.18 support future management of acquired lands,  
24.19 or match a federal share. The advances must  
24.20 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
24.21 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
24.22 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized  
24.23 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
24.24 plan.

24.25 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.26 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
24.27 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
24.28 grant awarded according to this section, must  
24.29 provide geographic information to the  
24.30 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for  
24.31 mapping any lands acquired in fee with funds  
24.32 appropriated in this section and open to public  
24.33 taking of fish and game. The commissioner  
24.34 of natural resources must include the lands  
24.35 acquired in fee with money appropriated in

25.1 this section on maps showing public  
 25.2 recreational opportunities. Maps must include  
 25.3 information on and acknowledgment of the  
 25.4 outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of  
 25.5 any restrictions.

25.6 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

25.7 (a) The availability of the appropriation in  
 25.8 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,  
 25.9 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake  
 25.10 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2022.

25.11 (b) The availability of the appropriation in  
 25.12 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,  
 25.13 subdivision 2, paragraph (f), Accelerated  
 25.14 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VI, is  
 25.15 extended to June 30, 2022.

25.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 of this section is effective the day following final  
 25.17 enactment.

25.18 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

25.19 **Subd. 3. Forests** 16,824,000 -0-

25.20 **(a) Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor**

25.21 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the  
 25.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 25.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 25.24 acquire permanent conservation easements in  
 25.25 Washington County. Of this amount, up to  
 25.26 ~~\$30,000~~ \$120,000 is for establishing a  
 25.27 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 25.28 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 25.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 25.30 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
 25.31 conservation easements must be provided as  
 25.32 part of the required accomplishment plan. This  
 25.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

26.1 **(b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat**  
26.2 **Project**

26.3 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the  
26.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
26.5 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters  
26.6 Association in cooperation with The  
26.7 Conservation Fund and St. Louis County to  
26.8 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.  
26.9 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.  
26.10 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
26.11 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter  
26.12 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation  
26.13 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
26.14 must be provided as part of the required  
26.15 accomplishment plan.

26.16 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
26.17 **Restoration - Phase V**

26.18 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the  
26.19 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
26.20 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
26.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
26.22 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for  
26.23 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
26.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to  
26.25 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes  
26.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
26.27 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent  
26.28 conservation easements; and to restore and  
26.29 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.  
26.30 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
26.31 \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy,  
26.32 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and  
26.33 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
26.34 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
26.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
26.36 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan



27.1 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180  
27.3 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
27.4 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must  
27.5 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
27.6 Council annual income statements and balance  
27.7 sheets for income and expenses from land  
27.8 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not  
27.9 transferred to the state or a local governmental  
27.10 unit. A list of proposed land acquisitions must  
27.11 be provided as part of the required  
27.12 accomplishment plan.

27.13 **(d) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V**

27.14 \$2,291,000 the first year is to the  
27.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
27.16 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline  
27.17 habitat through working forest permanent  
27.18 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
27.19 forests for the future program pursuant to  
27.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
27.21 conservation easement acquired with money  
27.22 appropriated under this paragraph must  
27.23 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.24 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
27.25 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
27.26 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
27.27 \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
27.28 enforcement fund as approved in the  
27.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
27.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
27.31 list of permanent conservation easements must  
27.32 be provided as part of the final report.

27.33 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase IV**

27.34 \$1,000,000 the first year is to the  
27.35 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

28.1 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes in  
28.2 the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood  
28.3 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.4 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land  
28.5 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
28.6 required accomplishment plan.

28.7 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
28.8 **Phase IV**

28.9 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the  
28.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
28.11 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
28.12 acquire permanent conservation easements  
28.13 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest  
28.14 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for  
28.15 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
28.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
28.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
28.19 permanent conservation easements must be  
28.20 provided as part of the required  
28.21 accomplishment plan.

28.22 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

28.23 \$4,600,000 the first year is to the  
28.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
28.25 agreement with The Conservation Fund in  
28.26 cooperation with the United States Forest  
28.27 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to  
28.28 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be  
28.29 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list  
28.30 of proposed land acquisitions must be  
28.31 provided as part of the required  
28.32 accomplishment plan.

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

29.1 Sec. 4. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is  
29.2 amended to read:

29.3 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 50,119,000 -0-

29.4 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
29.5 **Restoration - Phase I**

29.6 \$3,751,000 the first year is to the  
29.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
29.8 agreements as follows:

29.9 (1) \$2,209,000 to The Trust for Public Land  
29.10 to acquire land in fee and to acquire permanent  
29.11 conservation stream easements in the St. Croix  
29.12 River watershed using the payment method  
29.13 prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.14 84.0272, subdivision 2; Of this amount, up  
29.15 to \$20,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
29.16 resources to deposit in the natural resources  
29.17 conservation easement stewardship account  
29.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.19 84.69, as approved in the accomplishment plan  
29.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.21 97A.056, subdivision 17;

29.22 (2) \$1,377,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
29.23 acquire permanent conservation easements  
29.24 and to restore and enhance natural habitat  
29.25 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of  
29.26 this amount, up to \$168,000 to Minnesota  
29.27 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
29.28 enforcement fund as approved in the  
29.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
29.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and

29.31 (3) \$165,000 to the St. Croix River  
29.32 Association to coordinate and administer the  
29.33 program under this paragraph.

30.1 A list of proposed land acquisitions and  
30.2 permanent conservation easements must be  
30.3 provided as part of the required  
30.4 accomplishment plan.

30.5 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX**

30.6 \$4,163,000 the first year is to the  
30.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
30.8 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
30.9 permanent conservation easements and to  
30.10 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
30.11 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
30.12 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
30.13 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,  
30.14 \$820,000 is to Minnesota Valley National  
30.15 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$532,000 is to  
30.16 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$1,061,000  
30.17 is to Great River Greening, and \$1,750,000 is  
30.18 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to  
30.19 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
30.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
30.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
30.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
30.23 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
30.24 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
30.25 easements must be provided as part of the  
30.26 required accomplishment plan.

30.27 **(c) Dakota County Habitat**  
30.28 **Protection/Restoration - Phase VII**

30.29 \$3,516,000 the first year is to the  
30.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
30.31 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
30.32 permanent conservation easements and land  
30.33 in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and  
30.34 other habitats in Dakota County. A list of  
30.35 proposed land acquisitions and restorations

31.1 and enhancements must be provided as part  
31.2 of the required accomplishment plan.

31.3 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
31.4 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase V**

31.5 \$3,365,000 the first year is to the  
31.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
31.7 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
31.8 permanent conservation easements and to  
31.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
31.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
31.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
31.12 Counties. Of this amount, \$841,000 is to  
31.13 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,524,000  
31.14 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000  
31.15 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
31.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
31.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
31.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
31.19 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
31.20 provided as part of the required  
31.21 accomplishment plan.

31.22 **(e) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
31.23 **and Restoration**

31.24 \$2,946,000 the first year is to the  
31.25 commissioner of natural resources for  
31.26 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
31.27 permanent conservation easements and restore  
31.28 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River  
31.29 watershed as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River  
31.30 Watershed District, \$590,000 to Pheasants  
31.31 Forever, and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land  
31.32 Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land  
31.33 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
31.34 enforcement fund as approved in the  
31.35 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
31.36 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

32.1 list of acquisitions must be provided as part  
32.2 of the required accomplishment plan.

32.3 **(f) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**  
32.4 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI**

32.5 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the  
32.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
32.7 agreement with Trout Unlimited to acquire  
32.8 permanent conservation stream easements  
32.9 using the payment method prescribed in  
32.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272,  
32.11 subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance  
32.12 habitat for trout and other species in and along  
32.13 coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams in  
32.14 Minnesota. Up to \$40,000 is to establish a  
32.15 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
32.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
32.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
32.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
32.19 acquisitions and restorations and  
32.20 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
32.21 required accomplishment plan.

32.22 **(g) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
32.23 **Enhancement - Phase II**

32.24 \$3,208,000 the first year is to the  
32.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
32.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
32.27 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
32.28 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
32.29 restorations and enhancements must be  
32.30 provided as part of the required  
32.31 accomplishment plan.

32.32 **(h) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
32.33 **VI**

32.34 \$3,777,000 the first year is to the  
32.35 commissioner of natural resources to restore

33.1 aquatic and riparian habitats in the St. Louis  
33.2 River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to  
33.3 \$2,182,000 is for an agreement with  
33.4 Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed  
33.5 restorations must be provided as part of the  
33.6 required accomplishment plan.

33.7 **(i) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
33.8 **IV**

33.9 \$891,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
33.10 of natural resources for an agreement with  
33.11 Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake  
33.12 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and  
33.13 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River  
33.14 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements  
33.15 must be provided as part of the required  
33.16 accomplishment plan.

33.17 **(j) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
33.18 **Restoration Program - Phase VIII**

33.19 \$2,046,000 the first year is to the  
33.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.21 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
33.22 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and  
33.23 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the  
33.24 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
33.25 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
33.26 must be provided as part of the required  
33.27 accomplishment plan.

33.28 **(k) Pine River Fish Passage Project**

33.29 \$1,246,000 the first year is to the  
33.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.31 agreement with the Crow Wing Soil and Water  
33.32 Conservation District to restore and enhance  
33.33 riverine habitat in the Pine River and provide  
33.34 fish passage by removing dams and modifying  
33.35 and installing structures.

34.1 **(l) Sauk River Dam Fish Passage**

34.2 \$737,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
34.3 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
34.4 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation  
34.5 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat  
34.6 in the Sauk River and provide fish passage by  
34.7 removing the dam and modifying and  
34.8 installing structures at the Melrose dam site.

34.9 **(m) Restoring Norway Brook Connectivity to**  
34.10 **the Pine River**

34.11 \$2,267,000 the first year is to the  
34.12 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.13 agreement with the city of Pine River to  
34.14 restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Pine  
34.15 River and provide fish passage by removing  
34.16 the dam and modifying and installing  
34.17 structures at the Norway Lake dam site.

34.18 **(n) Pig's Eye Lake Islands Habitat Restoration**  
34.19 **and Enhancement**

34.20 \$4,337,000 the first year is to the  
34.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.22 agreement with Ramsey County to restore and  
34.23 enhance wildlife habitat in Pig's Eye Lake, to  
34.24 include constructing islands.

34.25 **(o) Restoring Upper Mississippi River at Lake**  
34.26 **Pepin**

34.27 \$750,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
34.28 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
34.29 Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance to restore and  
34.30 enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in  
34.31 Lake Pepin and the adjacent floodplain. A list  
34.32 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
34.33 must be provided as part of the required  
34.34 accomplishment plan.



35.1 **(p) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
35.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
35.3 **XI**

35.4 \$10,760,000 the first year is to the  
35.5 commissioner of natural resources for a  
35.6 program to provide competitive matching  
35.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
35.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
35.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
35.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
35.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
35.12 \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
35.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
35.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
35.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
35.16 owners of lands subject to conservation  
35.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
35.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
35.19 that have a total project cost exceeding  
35.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$445,000  
35.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
35.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
35.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
35.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
35.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
35.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
35.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
35.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
35.29 program must require a match of at least ten  
35.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
35.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
35.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
35.33 commissioner must provide a separate,  
35.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
35.35 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of  
35.36 natural resources must, when evaluating

36.1 projects of equal value, give priority to  
36.2 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
36.3 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
36.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
36.5 acquiring land in fee or a conservation  
36.6 easement, priority must be given to projects  
36.7 associated with or within one mile of existing  
36.8 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
36.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
36.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
36.11 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
36.12 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
36.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
36.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
36.15 enhancement projects must be on land  
36.16 permanently protected by a permanent  
36.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
36.18 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
36.19 by a conservation easement or public  
36.20 ownership or in public waters as defined in  
36.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
36.22 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
36.23 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
36.24 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
36.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
36.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
36.27 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five  
36.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
36.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
36.30 recipient has completed a grant  
36.31 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
36.32 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
36.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
36.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
36.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

37.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
37.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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