

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. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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 "2022" and "2023" 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, 2022, and June 30, 2023, respectively. The "first year" is fiscal year 2022.
 1.10 The "second year" is fiscal year 2023. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The
 1.11 appropriations in this act 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>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>

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

1.17	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>127,247,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>557,000</u>
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1.18 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
 1.19 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
 1.20 purpose are specified in the following
 1.21 subdivisions.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 42,784,000 -0-

2.2 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**

2.3 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**

2.4 **XIII**

2.5 \$1,948,000 the first 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 land in fee for scientific and natural

2.11 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,

2.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to

2.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part

2.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring

2.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie

2.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,

2.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

2.18 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be

2.19 provided as part of the required

2.20 accomplishment plan.

2.21 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**

2.22 **Program, Phase XIII**

2.23 \$4,715,000 the first year is to the

2.24 commissioner of natural resources for an

2.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire

2.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for

2.27 wildlife management under Minnesota

2.28 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.

2.29 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota

2.30 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

2.31 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the

2.32 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,

2.33 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected

2.34 native prairie. A list of proposed land

2.35 acquisitions must be provided as part of the

2.36 required accomplishment plan.

3.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Phase**
3.2 **XI**

3.3 \$2,794,000 the first year is to the
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
3.6 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance
3.7 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and
3.8 savanna. 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. Annual
3.14 income statements and balance sheets for
3.15 income and expenses from land acquired with
3.16 this appropriation must be submitted to the
3.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
3.18 later than 180 days after The Nature
3.19 Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of
3.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
3.22 Land acquisitions must be consistent with the
3.23 priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie
3.24 Conservation Plan.

3.25 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
3.26 **Refuge Land Acquisition, Phase XII**

3.27 \$3,280,000 the first 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 land in fee or
3.32 permanent conservation easements and restore
3.33 and enhance lands in the Northern Tallgrass
3.34 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western
3.35 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. Land
4.9 acquisitions must be consistent with the
4.10 priorities in the Minnesota Prairie
4.11 Conservation Plan.

4.12 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex,**
4.13 **Phase X**

4.14 \$2,623,000 the first year is to the
4.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.16 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in
4.17 cooperation with Great River Greening and
4.18 the Cannon River Watershed Partnership, to
4.19 acquire land in fee in the Cannon River
4.20 watershed for wildlife management under
4.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.22 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for aquatic
4.23 management purposes under Minnesota
4.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to
4.25 acquire land in fee for scientific and natural
4.26 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.27 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee
4.28 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
4.29 section 86A.05, subdivision 7, and county
4.30 forests; and to restore and enhance lands in
4.31 the Cannon River watershed. Of this amount,
4.32 \$1,784,000 is to The Trust for Public Land;
4.33 \$687,000 is to Great River Greening; and
4.34 \$152,000 is to the Cannon River Watershed
4.35 Partnership. Subject to evaluation criteria in
4.36 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

5.1 must be given to acquiring lands that are
 5.2 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 5.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 5.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 5.5 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 5.6 must be provided as part of the required
 5.7 accomplishment plan.

5.8 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection,**
 5.9 **Phase VIII**

5.10 \$884,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 5.11 of natural resources to acquire permanent
 5.12 conservation easements to protect and restore
 5.13 native prairie according to the Minnesota
 5.14 Prairie Conservation Plan. Of this amount, up
 5.15 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring and
 5.16 enforcement funds as approved in the
 5.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 5.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 5.19 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 5.20 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 5.21 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
 5.22 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 5.23 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 5.24 native prairie. A list of permanent conservation
 5.25 easements must be provided as part of the final
 5.26 report.

5.27 **(g) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**
 5.28 **IX**

5.29 \$4,170,000 the first year is to the Board of
 5.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 5.31 permanent conservation easements and restore
 5.32 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.33 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance
 5.34 habitat, including by expanding the riparian
 5.35 buffer and floodplain program under the clean
 5.36 water fund for wildlife benefits from buffers

6.1 on private land. Of this amount, up to
6.2 \$195,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
6.3 enforcement fund as approved in the
6.4 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
6.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
6.6 list of permanent conservation easements must
6.7 be provided as part of the final report.

6.8 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**
6.9 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase VII**

6.10 \$2,264,000 the first year is to the
6.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
6.13 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
6.14 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and to
6.15 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
6.16 River Valley for wildlife management under
6.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
6.18 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
6.19 managed as waterfowl production areas in
6.20 Minnesota in cooperation with the United
6.21 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
6.22 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
6.23 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
6.24 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
6.25 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
6.26 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
6.27 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
6.28 provided as part of the required
6.29 accomplishment plan.

6.30 **(i) Accelerating USFWS Habitat Conservation**
6.31 **Easement Program, Phase III**

6.32 \$4,752,000 the first year is to the
6.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.34 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in
6.35 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the
6.36 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to

7.1 acquire permanent conservation working lands
7.2 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie
7.3 grasslands. Of this amount, \$3,153,000 is to
7.4 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,599,000 is to
7.5 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed
7.6 acquisitions and restorations must be provided
7.7 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

7.8 **(j) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
7.9 **Phase V**

7.10 \$2,864,000 the first year is to the
7.11 commissioner of natural resources for
7.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
7.13 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
7.14 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
7.15 and Watonwan counties for wildlife
7.16 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.17 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$2,181,000
7.18 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc;
7.19 \$592,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$91,000 to
7.20 the Conservation Fund. A list of proposed
7.21 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
7.22 required accomplishment plan.

7.23 **(k) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase III**

7.24 \$4,354,000 the first year is to the Board of
7.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.26 permanent conservation easements and to
7.27 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
7.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
7.29 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$91,000 is
7.30 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
7.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
7.34 conservation easements must be provided as
7.35 part of the final report.

8.1 **(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIII**

8.2 \$3,534,000 the first year is to the
8.3 commissioner of natural resources to
8.4 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
8.5 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
8.6 management areas, in scientific and natural
8.7 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
8.8 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
8.9 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
8.10 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
8.11 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
8.12 Service. A list of proposed land restorations
8.13 and enhancements must be provided as part
8.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.15 **(m) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
8.16 **V**

8.17 \$1,951,000 the first year is to the
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.19 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
8.20 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
8.21 public lands. A list of proposed land
8.22 restorations and enhancements must be
8.23 provided as part of the required
8.24 accomplishment plan.

8.25 **(n) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
8.26 **Phase VII**

8.27 \$2,651,000 the first year is to the
8.28 commissioner of natural resources for
8.29 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
8.30 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
8.31 habitat on public lands and easements in the
8.32 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
8.33 minor watersheds as follows: \$418,000 is to
8.34 the Anoka Conservation District; \$700,000 is
8.35 to Great River Greening; \$233,000 is to The

9.1 Nature Conservancy; and \$1,300,000 is to
 9.2 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 9.3 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
 9.4 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds
 9.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
 9.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 9.8 permanent conservation easements,
 9.9 restorations, and enhancements must be
 9.10 provided as part of the required
 9.11 accomplishment plan.

9.12 **Subd. 3. Forests** 12,476,000 -0-

9.13 **(a) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 9.14 **Restoration, Phase IX**

9.15 \$4,068,000 the first year is to the
 9.16 commissioner of natural resources for
 9.17 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,294,000 to The
 9.18 Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee
 9.19 for wildlife management under Minnesota
 9.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for
 9.21 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
 9.22 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for
 9.23 state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.24 86A.05, subdivision 7; for aquatic
 9.25 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 9.26 section 86A.05, subdivision 14; and to restore
 9.27 and enhance wildlife habitat; (2) \$1,393,000
 9.28 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire lands
 9.29 in fee for wildlife management under
 9.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 9.31 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas
 9.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 9.33 subdivision 5; for state forests under
 9.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 9.35 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management

10.1 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.2 86A.05, subdivision 14; and (3) \$1,381,000
10.3 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent
10.4 conservation easements and to restore and
10.5 enhance wildlife habitat, of which up to
10.6 \$168,000 is to establish a monitoring and
10.7 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
10.10 list of proposed land acquisitions must be
10.11 provided as part of the required
10.12 accomplishment plan.

10.13 **(b) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase VIII**

10.14 \$2,971,000 the first year is to the
10.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
10.16 lands in conservation easements and to restore
10.17 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline
10.18 habitat through working forest permanent
10.19 conservation easements under the Minnesota
10.20 forests for the future program according to
10.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A
10.22 conservation easement acquired with money
10.23 appropriated under this paragraph must
10.24 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
10.25 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment
10.26 plan must include an easement monitoring and
10.27 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
10.28 \$160,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
10.29 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.30 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.31 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
10.32 list of proposed land acquisitions must be
10.33 provided as part of the required
10.34 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent

11.1 conservation easements must be provided as
11.2 part of the final report.

11.3 **(c) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**
11.4 **Protection Program, Phase IX**

11.5 \$1,043,000 the first year is to the Board of
11.6 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
11.7 the Morrison County Soil and Water
11.8 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
11.9 conservation easements and restore and
11.10 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
11.11 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
11.12 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
11.13 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$59,000 to the
11.14 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
11.19 conservation easements must be provided as
11.20 part of the final report.

11.21 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

11.22 \$1,338,000 the first year is to the
11.23 commissioner of natural resources to restore
11.24 and enhance wildlife habitat in the northern
11.25 forest region on wildlife management areas,
11.26 scientific and natural areas, aquatic
11.27 management areas, and state forests. A list of
11.28 proposed land restorations and enhancements
11.29 must be provided as part of the required
11.30 accomplishment plan.

11.31 **(e) Floodplain Forest Enhancement, Phase IV**

11.32 \$1,247,000 the first year is to the
11.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.34 agreement with the National Audubon Society
11.35 to restore and enhance floodplain forest habitat

12.1 for wildlife on public lands along the
 12.2 Mississippi River and Mississippi River
 12.3 tributaries. A list of restorations and
 12.4 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 12.5 required accomplishment plan.

12.6 **(f) Moose Habitat Collaborative - NE MN Forest**
 12.7 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase IV**

12.8 \$1,809,000 the first year is to the
 12.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.10 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to
 12.11 restore and enhance public forest lands in the
 12.12 northern forest region for moose habitat
 12.13 purposes. A list of proposed land restoration
 12.14 and enhancements must be provided as part
 12.15 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

22,389,000

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12.17 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
 12.18 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIII**

12.19 \$3,869,000 the first year is to the
 12.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 12.22 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 12.23 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
 12.24 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
 12.25 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
 12.26 production areas in Minnesota. A list of
 12.27 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 12.28 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 12.30 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

12.31 \$4,581,000 the first year is to the
 12.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 12.34 land in fee for wildlife management under
 12.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

13.1 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance
 13.2 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
 13.3 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions
 13.4 must be provided as part of the required
 13.5 accomplishment plan.

13.6 **(c) RIM Wetlands, Phase X**

13.7 \$3,051,000 the first year is to the Board of
 13.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 13.9 permanent conservation easements and to
 13.10 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
 13.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
 13.12 Of this amount, up to \$59,000 is for
 13.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 13.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 13.17 conservation easements must be provided as
 13.18 part of the final report.

13.19 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
 13.20 **Program, Phase VI**

13.21 \$3,088,000 the first year is to the
 13.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 13.24 acquire permanent conservation easements
 13.25 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and
 13.26 other habitat on permanently protected
 13.27 conservation easements in high-priority
 13.28 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and
 13.29 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this
 13.30 amount, up to \$288,000 is to establish a
 13.31 monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved
 13.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 13.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 13.34 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 13.35 conservation easement acquisitions and

14.1 restorations and enhancements must be
14.2 provided as part of the required
14.3 accomplishment plan.

14.4 **(e) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VI**

14.5 \$1,251,000 the first year is to the Board of
14.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
14.7 permanent conservation easements on
14.8 shoreland habitat of wild-rice lakes for
14.9 protecting native wild rice beds. Of this
14.10 amount, up to \$78,000 is for establishing a
14.11 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.12 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.14 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
14.15 conservation easements must be provided as
14.16 part of the final report.

14.17 **(f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**
14.18 **Enhancement, Phase XII**

14.19 \$2,589,000 the first year is to the
14.20 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
14.21 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
14.22 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
14.23 and enhancements must be provided as part
14.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.25 **(g) Living Shallow Lake Enhancement and**
14.26 **Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VII**

14.27 \$3,960,000 the first year is to the
14.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
14.30 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
14.31 public lands and wetlands under permanent
14.32 conservation easements for wildlife
14.33 management. A list of proposed shallow lake
14.34 enhancements and wetland restorations must

15.1 be provided as part of the required
15.2 accomplishment plan.

15.3 **Subd. 5. Habitats** 48,664,000 -0-

15.4 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
15.5 **Restoration, Phase II**

15.6 \$3,112,000 the first year is to the
15.7 commissioner of natural resources for
15.8 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,494,000 to The
15.9 Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee;
15.10 (2) \$1,493,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to
15.11 acquire permanent conservation easements
15.12 and to restore and enhance natural habitat
15.13 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of
15.14 this amount, up to \$144,000 to Minnesota
15.15 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and
15.19 (3) \$125,000 to the St. Croix River
15.20 Association to coordinate and administer the
15.21 program under this paragraph. A list of
15.22 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
15.23 conservation easements must be provided as
15.24 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(b) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XI**

15.26 \$4,229,000 the first year is to the
15.27 commissioner of natural resources for
15.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.29 permanent conservation easements and to
15.30 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.31 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.32 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
15.33 the metropolitan area as follows: \$675,000 to
15.34 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
15.35 Trust, Inc.; \$220,000 to Friends of the

16.1 Mississippi River; \$684,000 to Great River
16.2 Greening; \$800,000 to The Trust for Public
16.3 Land; and \$1,850,000 to Minnesota Land
16.4 Trust, of which up to \$192,000 to Minnesota
16.5 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
16.6 enforcement fund as approved in the
16.7 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
16.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
16.9 list of proposed land acquisitions and
16.10 permanent conservation easements must be
16.11 provided as part of the required
16.12 accomplishment plan.

16.13 **(c) Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat**
16.14 **Restoration, Phase I**

16.15 \$2,335,000 the first year is to the Board of
16.16 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
16.17 restore land in permanent conservation
16.18 easements along the lower Otter Tail River.
16.19 Of this amount, \$275,000 is for an agreement
16.20 with the Buffalo Red River Watershed District.
16.21 Up to \$111,000 of the total amount is for
16.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
16.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
16.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
16.26 conservation easements must be provided as
16.27 part of the final report.

16.28 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
16.29 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VII**

16.30 \$2,838,000 the first year is to the
16.31 commissioner of natural resources for
16.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
16.33 permanent conservation easements and to
16.34 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
16.35 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
16.36 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard

17.1 counties as follows: \$975,000 to Northern
17.2 Waters Land Trust; and \$1,863,000 to
17.3 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
17.4 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
17.5 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
17.6 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
17.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
17.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
17.9 must be provided as part of the required
17.10 accomplishment plan.

17.11 **(e) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
17.12 **Project, Phase V**

17.13 \$2,901,000 the first year is to acquire land in
17.14 fee and permanent conservation easements
17.15 and restore wildlife habitat in the Mississippi
17.16 River headwaters. Of this amount, \$1,421,000
17.17 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources,
17.18 of which up to \$150,000 is for establishing a
17.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
17.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
17.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
17.22 subdivision 17, and \$1,480,000 is to the
17.23 commissioner of natural resources for
17.24 agreements as follows: \$60,000 to the
17.25 Mississippi Headwaters Board and \$1,420,000
17.26 to The Trust for Public Land. A list of
17.27 proposed fee-title acquisitions must be
17.28 included as part of the required
17.29 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent
17.30 conservation easements must be provided as
17.31 part of the final report.

17.32 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
17.33 **Biological Significance**

17.34 \$1,477,000 the first year is to the
17.35 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.36 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

18.1 acquire land in permanent conservation
18.2 easements and to restore and enhance lakes of
18.3 outstanding biological significance in
18.4 northeast and north-central Minnesota. Of this
18.5 amount, up to \$168,000 is for establishing a
18.6 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
18.7 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
18.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
18.9 subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions
18.10 must be included as part of the required
18.11 accomplishment plan.

18.12 **(g) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
18.13 **Snake River Watersheds**

18.14 \$1,435,000 the first year is to the Board of
18.15 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
18.16 restore land in permanent conservation
18.17 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and
18.18 shoreline habitat in the Kettle and Snake River
18.19 watersheds. Of this amount, \$31,000 is for an
18.20 agreement with the Pine County Soil and
18.21 Water Conservation District. Up to \$72,000
18.22 of the total amount is for establishing a
18.23 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
18.24 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
18.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
18.26 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
18.27 conservation easements must be provided as
18.28 part of the final report.

18.29 **(h) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements**

18.30 \$500,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.31 of natural resources to acquire land in
18.32 permanent conservation easements to protect
18.33 trout stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,
18.34 up to \$65,000 is for establishing a monitoring
18.35 and enforcement fund as approved in the

19.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
19.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
19.3 list of permanent conservation easements must
19.4 be provided as part of the required
19.5 accomplishment plan.

19.6 **(i) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**
19.7 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds,**
19.8 **Phase II**

19.9 \$1,609,000 the first year is to acquire and
19.10 restore land in fee and permanent conservation
19.11 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and
19.12 shoreline habitat. Of this amount, \$1,065,000
19.13 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
19.14 an agreement with the Crow Wing County
19.15 Soil and Water Conservation District and
19.16 \$544,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil
19.17 Resources. Up to \$26,000 of the total amount
19.18 is for establishing a monitoring and
19.19 enforcement fund as approved in the
19.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
19.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
19.22 list of permanent conservation easements must
19.23 be included as part of the final report.

19.24 **(j) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
19.25 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase**
19.26 **XIII**

19.27 \$1,033,000 the first year is to the
19.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.29 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
19.30 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
19.31 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
19.32 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land
19.33 restorations and enhancements must be
19.34 provided as part of the required
19.35 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(k) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
20.2 **Enhancement, Phase IV**

20.3 \$2,790,000 the first year is to the
20.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore
20.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
20.6 streams and aquatic management areas and to
20.7 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
20.8 restorations and enhancements must be
20.9 provided as part of the required
20.10 accomplishment plan.

20.11 **(l) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase**
20.12 **VIII**

20.13 \$2,024,000 the first year is to the
20.14 commissioner of natural resources to restore
20.15 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
20.16 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
20.17 Of this amount, up to \$500,000 is for an
20.18 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list
20.19 of proposed restorations must be provided as
20.20 part of the required accomplishment plan.

20.21 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
20.22 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

20.23 \$1,547,000 the first year is to the
20.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
20.25 agreement with the Shell Rock River
20.26 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
20.27 to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
20.28 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
20.29 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
20.30 must be provided as part of the required
20.31 accomplishment plan.

20.32 **(n) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase**
20.33 **VI**

20.34 \$467,000 the first year is to the commissioner
20.35 of natural resources for an agreement with

21.1 Zeitgeist, a nonprofit corporation, in
21.2 cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead
21.3 Association, to restore and enhance trout
21.4 habitat in the Knife River watershed. A list of
21.5 proposed enhancements must be provided as
21.6 part of the required accomplishment plan.

21.7 **(o) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
21.8 **and Restoration, Phase III**

21.9 \$4,034,000 the first year is to the
21.10 commissioner of natural resources for
21.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and
21.12 permanent conservation easements and to
21.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
21.14 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$1,034,000
21.15 to Sauk River Watershed District; \$1,618,000
21.16 to Pheasants Forever; and \$1,382,000 to
21.17 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to
21.18 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
21.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
21.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
21.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.22 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
21.23 provided as part of the required
21.24 accomplishment plan.

21.25 **(p) Klondike Clean Water Retention Project,**
21.26 **Phase I**

21.27 \$1,973,000 the first year is to the
21.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
21.29 agreement with the Two Rivers Watershed
21.30 District to construct a multipurpose water
21.31 impoundment project in Kittson and Roseau
21.32 Counties to provide fish and wildlife habitat.
21.33 A list of restoration and enhancement projects
21.34 must be provided as part of the required
21.35 accomplishment plan.

22.1 **(q) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
22.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
22.3 **XIII**

22.4 \$9,860,000 the first year is to the
22.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
22.6 program to provide competitive matching
22.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
22.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
22.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
22.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
22.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
22.12 \$2,400,000 is for grants in the seven-county
22.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population
22.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
22.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
22.16 owners of lands subject to conservation
22.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the
22.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
22.19 that have a total project cost exceeding
22.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000
22.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other
22.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.
22.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
22.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
22.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship
22.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
22.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season
22.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The
22.29 program must require a match of at least ten
22.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
22.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
22.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
22.33 commissioner must provide a separate,
22.34 simplified application process. Subject to
22.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner must,
22.36 when evaluating projects of equal value, give

23.1 priority to organizations that have a history of
23.2 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
23.3 contributions for local conservation or habitat
23.4 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in
23.5 fee or a conservation easement, the
23.6 commissioner must give priority to projects
23.7 associated with or within one mile of existing
23.8 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
23.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
23.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
23.11 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
23.12 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas
23.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
23.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or
23.15 enhancement projects must be on land
23.16 permanently protected by a permanent
23.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
23.18 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
23.19 by a conservation easement or public
23.20 ownership, or in public waters as defined in
23.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
23.22 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
23.23 restoration and enhancement projects on public
23.24 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
23.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
23.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
23.27 available until June 30, 2025. No less than five
23.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be
23.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant
23.30 recipient has completed a grant
23.31 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
23.32 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
23.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
23.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
23.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

24.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 24.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

24.3 **(r) DNR Roving Crews**

24.4 \$4,500,000 the first year is to the
 24.5 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 24.6 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on
 24.7 permanently protected lands statewide using
 24.8 the roving crew program of the Department
 24.9 of Natural Resources. A list of restoration and
 24.10 enhancement projects must be provided as part
 24.11 of the required accomplishment plan.

24.12 **Subd. 6. Administration**

934,000

557,000

24.13 **(a) Contract Management**

24.14 \$210,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 24.15 of natural resources for contract management
 24.16 duties assigned in this section. The
 24.17 commissioner must provide an
 24.18 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 24.19 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 24.20 on expending this appropriation. The
 24.21 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 24.22 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 24.23 manual. No money may be expended before
 24.24 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 24.25 approves the accomplishment plan.

24.26 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

24.27 \$546,000 the first year and \$553,000 the
 24.28 second year are to the Legislative
 24.29 Coordinating Commission for administrative
 24.30 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 24.31 Heritage Council and for compensating and
 24.32 reimbursing expenses of council members.
 24.33 This appropriation is available until June 30,

25.1 2023. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
25.2 applies to this appropriation.

25.3 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

25.4 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner
25.5 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
25.6 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and
25.7 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
25.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

25.9 **(d) Legacy Website**

25.10 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second
25.11 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
25.12 Commission for the website required under
25.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
25.14 10.

25.15 **(e) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service**
25.16 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**
25.17 **Heritage Council**

25.18 \$25,000 the first year is to the commissioner
25.19 of natural resources to provide land acquisition
25.20 pre-transaction services including but not
25.21 limited to appraisals, surveys, or title research
25.22 for acquisition proposals under consideration
25.23 by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
25.24 Council. A list of activities must be included
25.25 in the final accomplishment plan.

25.26 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

25.27 Money appropriated in this section may not
25.28 be spent on activities unless they are directly
25.29 related to and necessary for a specific
25.30 appropriation and are specified in the
25.31 accomplishment plan approved by the
25.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
25.33 Money appropriated in this section must not
25.34 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional

26.1 overhead charges that are not directly related
 26.2 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
 26.3 For acquiring real property, the amounts in
 26.4 this section are available until June 30, 2025.
 26.5 Money for restoration or enhancement is
 26.6 available until June 30, 2026. Money for
 26.7 restoration and enhancement of land acquired
 26.8 with an appropriation in this act is available
 26.9 for four years after the acquisition date with
 26.10 a maximum end date of June 30, 2029. If a
 26.11 project receives at least 15 percent of its
 26.12 funding from federal funds, the time of the
 26.13 appropriation may be extended to equal the
 26.14 availability of federal funding to a maximum
 26.15 of six years if the federal funding was
 26.16 confirmed and included in the original
 26.17 approved draft accomplishment plan. Money
 26.18 appropriated for acquiring land in fee title may
 26.19 be used to restore, enhance, and provide for
 26.20 public use of the land acquired with the
 26.21 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have
 26.22 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

 26.23 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
 26.24 **Equipment Expenditures**

 26.25 All agreements referred to in this section must
 26.26 be administered on a reimbursement basis
 26.27 unless otherwise provided in this section.
 26.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 26.29 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
 26.30 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
 26.31 1, 2021, or the date of accomplishment plan
 26.32 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
 26.33 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
 26.34 this section. For purposes of administering
 26.35 appropriations and legislatively authorized
 26.36 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage

27.1 fund, an expense must be considered
27.2 reimbursable by the administering agency
27.3 when the recipient presents the agency with
27.4 an invoice or binding agreement with the
27.5 landowner and the recipient attests that the
27.6 goods have been received or the landowner
27.7 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
27.8 must be made upon receiving documentation
27.9 that the items articulated in the
27.10 accomplishment plan approved by the
27.11 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
27.12 been achieved, including partial achievements
27.13 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
27.14 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
27.15 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
27.16 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
27.17 support future management of acquired lands,
27.18 or match a federal share. The advances must
27.19 be approved as part of the accomplishment
27.20 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
27.21 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
27.22 itemized in and approved as part of the
27.23 accomplishment plan.
27.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**
27.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
27.26 in this section and each recipient of a grant
27.27 awarded pursuant to this section must provide
27.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
27.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any
27.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated
27.31 in this section and open to public taking of
27.32 fish and game. The commissioner of natural
27.33 resources must include the lands acquired in
27.34 fee with money appropriated in this section
27.35 on maps showing public recreation

28.1 opportunities. Maps must include information
28.2 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
28.3 heritage fund, including a notation of any
28.4 restrictions.

28.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

28.6 (a) The availability of the appropriations for
28.7 the following projects is extended to June 30,
28.8 2022:

28.9 (1) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section
28.10 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Accelerated
28.11 Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR
28.12 Lands - Phase VIII;

28.13 (2) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section
28.14 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (k), for Anoka
28.15 Sandplain Habitat Restoration and
28.16 Enhancement - Phase IV;

28.17 (3) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section
28.18 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h), for Sand Hill
28.19 River Fish Passage - Phase II;

28.20 (4) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section
28.21 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Protect and
28.22 Restore Minnesota's Important Bird Areas -
28.23 Phase II, within the Tallgrass Aspen
28.24 Parklands;

28.25 (5) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section
28.26 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), for Minnesota
28.27 Forests for the Future - Phase VI; and

28.28 (6) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section
28.29 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), for Metro Big
28.30 Rivers - Phase VIII.

28.31 (b) The availability of the appropriations for
28.32 the following projects is extended to June 30,
28.33 2023:

29.1 (1) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section
29.2 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (j), for Roseau
29.3 Lake Rehabilitation; and

29.4 (2) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section
29.5 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f), for Accelerated
29.6 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VII.

29.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019, for
29.8 projects funded under Laws 2016, chapter 172.