

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from the 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.

<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>

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

1.17 Subdivision 1. <b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>155,361,000</u></b>
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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** -0- 34,166,000
- 2.2 **(a) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
- 2.3 **Program, Phase XIV**
- 2.4 \$5,520,000 the second year is to the
- 2.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
- 2.6 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
- 2.7 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
- 2.8 wildlife management area purposes under
- 2.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
- 2.10 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
- 2.11 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
- 2.12 must be given to acquiring lands that are
- 2.13 eligible for the native prairie bank under
- 2.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
- 2.15 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
- 2.16 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
- 2.17 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
- 2.18 **(b) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase IV**
- 2.19 \$4,424,000 the second year is to the Board of
- 2.20 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
- 2.21 permanent conservation easements and to
- 2.22 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
- 2.23 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
- 2.24 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$73,000 is to
- 2.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
- 2.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 2.27 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 2.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
- 2.29 conservation easements must be provided as
- 2.30 part of the final report.
- 2.31 **(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
- 2.32 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase VIII**
- 2.33 \$4,330,000 the second year is to the
- 2.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
- 2.35 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in

3.1 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
 3.2 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
 3.3 restore and enhance lands within the southern  
 3.4 Red River Valley for wildlife management  
 3.5 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.6 86A.05, subdivision 8, or lands to be  
 3.7 designated and managed as waterfowl  
 3.8 production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation  
 3.9 with the United States Fish and Wildlife  
 3.10 Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
 3.11 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 3.12 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 3.13 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 3.15 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 3.16 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 3.17 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.18 **(d) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**  
 3.19 **XII**

3.20 \$4,400,000 the second year is to the  
 3.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 3.22 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
 3.23 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
 3.24 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
 3.25 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
 3.26 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 3.27 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 3.28 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 3.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 3.30 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
 3.31 income statements and balance sheets for  
 3.32 income and expenses from land acquired with  
 3.33 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
 3.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
 3.35 later than 180 days following the close of The  
 3.36 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of

4.1 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and  
 4.2 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 4.3 required accomplishment plan and must be  
 4.4 consistent with the priorities identified in the  
 4.5 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.6 **(e) Enhanced Public Land - Open Landscapes,**  
 4.7 **Phase II**

4.8 \$2,494,000 the second year is to the  
 4.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 4.10 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 4.11 cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed  
 4.12 Grouse Society, to acquire land in fee under  
 4.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 4.14 subdivision 8, and restore and enhance lands  
 4.15 for wildlife management purposes. A list of  
 4.16 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 4.17 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.18 **(f) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**  
 4.19 **X**

4.20 \$4,283,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 4.21 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 4.22 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 4.23 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 4.24 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
 4.25 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer  
 4.26 program under the clean water fund for  
 4.27 additional wildlife benefits from buffers on  
 4.28 private land. Of this amount, up to \$111,000  
 4.29 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
 4.30 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 4.31 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 4.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 4.33 conservation easements must be provided as  
 4.34 part of the final report.

4.35 **(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
 4.36 **Refuge Land Acquisition, Phase XIII**

5.1 \$3,774,000 the second year is to the  
5.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
5.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
5.4 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
5.5 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or  
5.6 permanent conservation easements and restore  
5.7 and enhance lands within the Northern  
5.8 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in  
5.9 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
5.10 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
5.11 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
5.12 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
5.13 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
5.14 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.15 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
5.16 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
5.17 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
5.18 required accomplishment plan and must be  
5.19 consistent with the priorities in the *Minnesota*  
5.20 *Prairie Conservation Plan.*

5.21 **(h) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
5.22 **Phase VI**

5.23 \$1,929,000 the second year is to the  
5.24 commissioner of natural resources for  
5.25 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
5.26 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
5.27 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
5.28 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife  
5.29 management area purposes under Minnesota  
5.30 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as  
5.31 follows: \$1,475,000 to Fox Lake Conservation  
5.32 League, Inc.; \$407,000 to Ducks Unlimited;  
5.33 and \$47,000 to The Conservation Fund. A list  
5.34 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
5.35 part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.1 **(i) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIV**

6.2 \$3,012,000 the second year is to the  
 6.3 commissioner of natural resources to  
 6.4 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
 6.5 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
 6.6 management areas, in scientific and natural  
 6.7 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
 6.8 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
 6.9 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
 6.10 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
 6.11 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
 6.12 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
 6.13 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 6.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

6.15 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 12,932,000

6.16 **(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase**  
 6.17 **II**

6.18 \$4,471,000 the second year is to the  
 6.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 6.20 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
 6.21 cooperation with the Department of Natural  
 6.22 Resources and Minnesota Land Trust to  
 6.23 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 6.24 and restore and enhance degraded forests in  
 6.25 Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake,  
 6.26 Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties. Of this  
 6.27 amount, up to \$175,000 is to the easement  
 6.28 holder to establish a monitoring and  
 6.29 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 6.30 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 6.31 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 6.32 list of proposed permanent conservation  
 6.33 easements, restorations, and enhancements  
 6.34 must be provided as part of the required  
 6.35 accomplishment plan.

7.1 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**  
7.2 **Program ACUB, Phase X**

7.3 \$2,909,000 the second year is to the Board of  
7.4 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
7.5 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
7.6 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
7.7 conservation easements and restore and  
7.8 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the  
7.9 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard  
7.10 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
7.11 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$189,000 to the  
7.12 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to  
7.13 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
7.14 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
7.15 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
7.17 conservation easements must be provided as  
7.18 part of the final report.

7.19 **(c) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase IX**

7.20 \$2,439,000 the second year is to the  
7.21 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
7.22 lands in conservation easements and to restore  
7.23 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline  
7.24 habitat through working forest permanent  
7.25 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
7.26 forests for the future program according to  
7.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
7.28 conservation easement acquired with money  
7.29 appropriated under this paragraph must  
7.30 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.31 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
7.32 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
7.33 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
7.34 \$200,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
7.35 enforcement fund as approved in the

8.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 8.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 8.3 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 8.4 provided as part of the required  
 8.5 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent  
 8.6 conservation easements must be provided as  
 8.7 part of the final report.

8.8 **(d) Big Woods Protection at Stieg Woods**  
 8.9 \$995,000 the second year is to the  
 8.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 8.11 agreement with the city of Rogers to acquire  
 8.12 land in fee and restore and enhance forest  
 8.13 habitat for wildlife in Hennepin County. A list  
 8.14 of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and  
 8.15 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 8.16 required accomplishment plan.

8.17 **(e) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**  
 8.18 \$2,118,000 the second year is to the  
 8.19 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 8.20 and enhance wildlife habitat within the  
 8.21 northern forest region in wildlife management  
 8.22 areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic  
 8.23 management areas, and state forests. A list of  
 8.24 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 8.25 must be provided as part of the required  
 8.26 accomplishment plan.

8.27 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 26,108,000

8.28 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**  
 8.29 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**  
 8.30 \$5,400,000 the second year is to the  
 8.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 8.32 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 8.33 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 8.34 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and



9.1 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
 9.2 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
 9.3 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
 9.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 9.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.6 **(b) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
 9.7 **Program, Phase VII**

9.8 \$3,248,000 the second year is to the  
 9.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 9.10 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 9.11 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 9.12 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and  
 9.13 other habitat on permanently protected  
 9.14 conservation easements within high-priority  
 9.15 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and  
 9.16 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this  
 9.17 amount, up to \$240,000 is to establish a  
 9.18 monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved  
 9.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 9.21 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 9.22 conservation easement acquisitions,  
 9.23 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 9.24 provided as part of the required  
 9.25 accomplishment plan.

9.26 **(c) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VIII**

9.27 \$1,434,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 9.28 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 9.29 permanent conservation easements on  
 9.30 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native  
 9.31 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up  
 9.32 to \$91,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
 9.33 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 9.34 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 9.35 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

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

10.3 **(d) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
10.4 **Restoration Program, Phase XI**

10.5 \$4,660,000 the second year is to the  
10.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.7 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
10.8 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
10.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
10.10 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
10.11 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering  
10.12 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
10.13 must be provided as part of the required  
10.14 accomplishment plan.

10.15 **(e) RIM Wetlands, Phase XI**

10.16 \$4,095,000 the second year is to the Board of  
10.17 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
10.18 permanent conservation easements and to  
10.19 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
10.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
10.21 Of this amount, up to \$78,000 is to establish  
10.22 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
10.23 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
10.24 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
10.26 conservation easements must be provided as  
10.27 part of the final report.

10.28 **(f) Living Shallow Lake Enhancement and**  
10.29 **Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VIII**

10.30 \$5,027,000 the second year is to the  
10.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.32 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
10.33 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
10.34 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
10.35 conservation easement for wildlife

11.1 management. A list of proposed shallow lake  
 11.2 enhancements and wetland restorations must  
 11.3 be provided as part of the required  
 11.4 accomplishment plan.

11.5 **(g) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
 11.6 **Enhancement, Phase XIV**

11.7 \$2,244,000 the second year is to the  
 11.8 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 11.9 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 11.10 statewide. A list of proposed shallow lake and  
 11.11 wetland restorations and enhancements must  
 11.12 be provided as part of the required  
 11.13 accomplishment plan.

11.14 **Subd. 5. Habitats** -0- 81,532,000

11.15 **(a) Dakota County Habitat**  
 11.16 **Protection/Restoration, Phase VIII**

11.17 \$5,915,000 the second year is to the  
 11.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.19 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
 11.20 permanent conservation easements and land  
 11.21 in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and  
 11.22 other wildlife habitats in Dakota County. A  
 11.23 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
 11.24 restorations and enhancements must be  
 11.25 provided as part of the required  
 11.26 accomplishment plan.

11.27 **(b) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water**

11.28 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 11.29 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 11.30 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 11.31 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One  
 11.32 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to  
 11.33 wildlife and clean water. Up to \$65,000 of the  
 11.34 total amount is to establish a monitoring and  
 11.35 enforcement fund as approved in the

12.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 12.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 12.3 list of proposed acquisitions must be included  
 12.4 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.5 **(c) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
 12.6 **Minnesota's North Shore, Phase II**

12.7 \$3,311,000 the second year is to the  
 12.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.9 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 12.10 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 12.11 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
 12.12 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.  
 12.13 Of this amount, up to \$216,000 is to establish  
 12.14 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
 12.15 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 12.16 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 12.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 12.18 conservation easement acquisitions,  
 12.19 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 12.20 provided as part of the required  
 12.21 accomplishment plan.

12.22 **(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 12.23 **Restoration, Phase X**

12.24 \$5,225,000 the second year is to the  
 12.25 commissioner of natural resources for  
 12.26 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,772,000 to The  
 12.27 Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee  
 12.28 for wildlife management under Minnesota  
 12.29 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for  
 12.30 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
 12.31 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for  
 12.32 state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 12.33 86A.05, subdivision 7; and for aquatic  
 12.34 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 12.35 section 86A.05, subdivision 14, and to restore  
 12.36 and enhance wildlife habitat; (2) \$1,394,000

- 13.1 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire lands  
 13.2 in fee for wildlife management under  
 13.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 13.4 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
 13.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 13.6 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
 13.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 13.8 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management  
 13.9 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 13.10 86A.05, subdivision 14; and (3) \$2,059,000  
 13.11 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent  
 13.12 conservation easements and to restore and  
 13.13 enhance wildlife habitat, of which \$216,000  
 13.14 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
 13.15 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 13.16 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 13.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 13.18 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
 13.19 the required accomplishment plan.
- 13.20 **(e) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
 13.21 **Project, Phase VII**
- 13.22 \$5,329,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
 13.23 in fee and permanent conservation easements  
 13.24 and to restore wildlife habitat in the  
 13.25 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount, (1)  
 13.26 \$3,678,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
 13.27 resources for agreements as follows: \$54,000  
 13.28 is to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and  
 13.29 \$3,624,000 is to The Trust for Public Land;  
 13.30 and (2) \$1,651,000 is to the Board of Water  
 13.31 and Soil Resources, of which up to \$150,000  
 13.32 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
 13.33 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 13.34 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 13.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

14.1 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
 14.2 required accomplishment plan.

14.3 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 14.4 **Restoration Program, Phase XI**

14.5 \$1,403,000 the second year is to the  
 14.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 14.7 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 14.8 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
 14.9 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell  
 14.10 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
 14.11 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 14.12 must be provided as part of the required  
 14.13 accomplishment plan.

14.14 **(g) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
 14.15 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**  
 14.16 **XIV**

14.17 \$1,391,000 the second year is to the  
 14.18 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 14.19 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
 14.20 wildlife management purposes under  
 14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 14.22 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
 14.23 scientific and natural area purposes under  
 14.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 14.25 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
 14.26 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 14.27 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 14.28 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 14.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 14.30 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 14.31 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 14.32 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.33 **(h) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**  
 14.34 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase XI**

14.35 \$2,571,000 the second year is to the  
 14.36 commissioner of natural resources for an

15.1 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in  
15.2 cooperation with Great River Greening and  
15.3 Clean River Partners, to acquire lands in fee  
15.4 in the Cannon River watershed for wildlife  
15.5 management under Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.6 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee  
15.7 for aquatic management purposes under  
15.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
15.9 subdivision 14; to acquire lands in fee for  
15.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
15.11 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to  
15.12 acquire lands in fee for state forests under  
15.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
15.14 subdivision 7; to acquire lands in fee for  
15.15 county forests or natural areas; and to restore  
15.16 and enhance lands in the Cannon River  
15.17 watershed. Of this amount, \$1,619,000 is to  
15.18 The Trust for Public Land; \$795,000 is to  
15.19 Great River Greening; and \$157,000 is to  
15.20 Clean River Partners. Subject to evaluation  
15.21 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
15.22 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
15.23 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
15.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
15.25 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
15.26 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
15.27 must be provided as part of the required  
15.28 accomplishment plan.

15.29 **(i) Washington County Habitat Protection and**  
15.30 **Restoration Partnership**

15.31 \$4,182,000 the second year is to the  
15.32 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.33 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
15.34 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife  
15.35 habitat on public lands and easements in  
15.36 Washington County as follows: \$862,000 is

16.1 to Washington County and \$3,320,000 is to  
16.2 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
16.3 \$264,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
16.4 establish monitoring and enforcement funds  
16.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
16.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
16.8 permanent conservation easements,  
16.9 restorations, and enhancements must be  
16.10 provided as part of the required  
16.11 accomplishment plan.

16.12 **(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XII**

16.13 \$7,996,000 the second year is to the  
16.14 commissioner of natural resources for  
16.15 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
16.16 permanent conservation easements and to  
16.17 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
16.18 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
16.19 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries  
16.20 within the metropolitan area as follows:  
16.21 \$1,100,000 to Minnesota Valley National  
16.22 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$605,000 to  
16.23 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$730,000 to  
16.24 Great River Greening; \$2,850,000 to Trust for  
16.25 Public Land; and \$2,711,000 to Minnesota  
16.26 Land Trust, of which up to \$216,000 to  
16.27 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
16.28 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
16.29 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
16.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
16.31 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
16.32 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
16.33 easements must be provided as part of the  
16.34 required accomplishment plan.



17.1 **(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
17.2 **Restoration, Phase III**

17.3 \$3,612,000 the second year is to the  
17.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.5 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,403,000 to The  
17.6 Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee;  
17.7 (2) \$2,114,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
17.8 acquire permanent conservation easements  
17.9 and to restore and enhance natural habitat  
17.10 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of  
17.11 this amount, up to \$192,000 to Minnesota  
17.12 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
17.13 enforcement fund as approved in the  
17.14 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
17.15 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and  
17.16 (3) \$95,000 to the Wild Rivers Conservancy  
17.17 to coordinate and administer the program  
17.18 under this paragraph. A list of proposed land  
17.19 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
17.20 easements must be provided as part of the  
17.21 required accomplishment plan.

17.22 **(l) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
17.23 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VIII**

17.24 \$4,424,000 the second year is to the  
17.25 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.26 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
17.27 permanent conservation easements and to  
17.28 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
17.29 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
17.30 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
17.31 Counties as follows: \$1,808,000 to Northern  
17.32 Waters Land Trust; and \$2,616,000 to  
17.33 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
17.34 \$216,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
17.35 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
17.36 as approved in the accomplishment plan and

18.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
18.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
18.3 must be provided as part of the required  
18.4 accomplishment plan.

18.5 **(m) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
18.6 **and Restoration, Phase IV**

18.7 \$3,990,000 the second year is to the  
18.8 commissioner of natural resources for  
18.9 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
18.10 permanent conservation easements and restore  
18.11 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River  
18.12 watershed as follows: \$1,500,000 to Sauk  
18.13 River Watershed District; \$1,245,000 to  
18.14 Pheasants Forever; and \$1,245,000 to  
18.15 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to  
18.16 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
18.17 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
18.18 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
18.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
18.20 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
18.21 provided as part of the required  
18.22 accomplishment plan.

18.23 **(n) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
18.24 **Enhancement, Phase V**

18.25 \$5,049,000 the second year is to the  
18.26 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
18.27 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
18.28 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
18.29 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
18.30 restorations and enhancements must be  
18.31 provided as part of the required  
18.32 accomplishment plan.

18.33 **(o) Klondike Clean Water Retention Project,**  
18.34 **Phase II**

19.1 \$964,000 the second year is to the  
 19.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 19.3 agreement with Two Rivers Watershed District  
 19.4 to construct a multipurpose water  
 19.5 impoundment project in Kittson and Roseau  
 19.6 Counties to provide fish and wildlife habitat.  
 19.7 A list of restoration and enhancement projects  
 19.8 must be provided as part of the required  
 19.9 accomplishment plan.

19.10 **(p) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat**  
 19.11 **Program, Phase II**

19.12 \$2,348,000 the second year is to the  
 19.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 19.14 agreement with the Buffalo-Red River  
 19.15 Watershed District to restore and enhance  
 19.16 aquatic and upland habitat associated with the  
 19.17 Buffalo River and tributaries in the Buffalo  
 19.18 River watershed. A list of proposed  
 19.19 restorations and enhancements must be  
 19.20 provided as part of the required  
 19.21 accomplishment plan.

19.22 **(q) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
 19.23 **IX**

19.24 \$4,794,000 the second year is to the  
 19.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 19.26 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
 19.27 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
 19.28 Of this amount, up to \$940,000 is for an  
 19.29 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
 19.30 of proposed restorations must be provided as  
 19.31 part of the required accomplishment plan.

19.32 **(r) DNR Fish Passage Enhancement through**  
 19.33 **Targeted Culvert Replacement, Phase I**

19.34 \$831,000 the second year is to the  
 19.35 commissioner of natural resources to restore

20.1 and enhance fish passage in coldwater streams  
 20.2 through targeted culvert replacement in Lake  
 20.3 County. A list of proposed restorations and  
 20.4 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 20.5 required accomplishment plan.

20.6 **(s) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**  
 20.7 **Important Bird Areas, Phase III**

20.8 \$2,087,000 the second year is to the  
 20.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 20.10 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore  
 20.11 and enhance wildlife habitat within important  
 20.12 bird areas in northwestern Minnesota  
 20.13 identified in the *Minnesota Prairie*  
 20.14 *Conservation Plan*. A list of proposed land  
 20.15 restorations and enhancements must be  
 20.16 provided as part of the required  
 20.17 accomplishment plan.

20.18 **(t) Enhance Metro and North Shore Trout**  
 20.19 **Stream Habitats**

20.20 \$1,130,000 the second year is to the  
 20.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 20.22 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
 20.23 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
 20.24 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams  
 20.25 in the metro, North Shore, and southeast  
 20.26 regions of Minnesota. A list of proposed  
 20.27 restorations and enhancements must be  
 20.28 provided as part of the required  
 20.29 accomplishment plan.

20.30 **(u) Daylighting Phalen Creek**

20.31 \$3,230,000 the second year is to the  
 20.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 20.33 agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek  
 20.34 Project to restore and enhance priority aquatic  
 20.35 and riparian habitats associated with Phalen

21.1 Creek in St. Paul. A list of proposed  
21.2 restorations must be provided as part of the  
21.3 required accomplishment plan.

21.4 **(v) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
21.5 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
21.6 **XIV**

21.7 \$9,450,000 the second year is to the  
21.8 commissioner of natural resources for a  
21.9 program to provide competitive matching  
21.10 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,  
21.11 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
21.12 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
21.13 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
21.14 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
21.15 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
21.16 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
21.17 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
21.18 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
21.19 owners of lands subject to conservation  
21.20 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
21.21 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
21.22 that have a total project cost exceeding  
21.23 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,  
21.24 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
21.25 and other direct and necessary administrative  
21.26 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
21.27 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
21.28 may not be used to establish easement  
21.29 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
21.30 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
21.31 the open season unless otherwise provided by  
21.32 law. The program must require a match of at  
21.33 least ten percent from nonstate sources for all  
21.34 grants. The match may be cash or in-kind  
21.35 resources. For grant applications of \$25,000  
21.36 or less, the commissioner must provide a

22.1 separate, simplified application process.  
22.2 Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
22.3 commissioner of natural resources must, when  
22.4 evaluating projects of equal value, give  
22.5 priority to organizations that have a history of  
22.6 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
22.7 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
22.8 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in  
22.9 fee or a conservation easement, the  
22.10 commissioner must give priority to projects  
22.11 associated with or within one mile of existing  
22.12 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
22.13 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
22.14 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
22.15 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
22.16 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
22.17 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
22.18 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
22.19 enhancement projects must be on land  
22.20 permanently protected by a permanent  
22.21 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
22.22 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
22.23 by a conservation easement or public  
22.24 ownership, or in public waters as defined in  
22.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
22.26 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
22.27 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
22.28 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
22.29 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
22.30 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
22.31 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five  
22.32 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
22.33 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
22.34 recipient has completed a grant  
22.35 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
22.36 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the

23.1 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
 23.2 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 23.3 program in the summary of game and fish law  
 23.4 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 23.5 97A.051, subdivision 2.

23.6 **Subd. 6. Administration** -0- 623,000

23.7 **(a) Contract Management**

23.8 \$300,000 the second year is to the  
 23.9 commissioner of natural resources for contract  
 23.10 management duties assigned in this section.  
 23.11 The commissioner must provide an  
 23.12 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 23.13 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 23.14 on expending this appropriation. The  
 23.15 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 23.16 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 23.17 manual. No money may be expended before  
 23.18 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 23.19 approves the accomplishment plan.

23.20 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

23.21 \$200,000 the second year is to the  
 23.22 commissioner of natural resources for a  
 23.23 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25  
 23.24 restoration and enhancement evaluations under  
 23.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 23.26 subdivision 10.

23.27 **(c) Initial Development Plan Coordinator**

23.28 \$123,000 the second year is to the  
 23.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 23.30 initial development plan coordinator position  
 23.31 to coordinate, manage, and report on the initial  
 23.32 development, restoration, and enhancement  
 23.33 of fee title acquisitions in wildlife management  
 23.34 areas and aquatic management areas that were

- 24.1 acquired with money from the outdoor  
24.2 heritage fund.
- 24.3 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**
- 24.4 (a) Money appropriated in this section may  
24.5 not be spent on activities unless they are  
24.6 directly related to and necessary for a specific  
24.7 appropriation and are specified in the  
24.8 accomplishment plan approved by the  
24.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 24.10 Money appropriated in this section must not  
24.11 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
24.12 overhead charges that are not directly related  
24.13 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
- 24.14 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee may  
24.15 be used to restore, enhance, and provide for  
24.16 public use of the land acquired with the  
24.17 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
24.18 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.
- 24.19 (b) Money appropriated in this section is  
24.20 available as follows:
- 24.21 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real  
24.22 property is available until June 30, 2026;
- 24.23 (2) money appropriated for restoring and  
24.24 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation  
24.25 in this act is available for four years after the  
24.26 acquisition date with a maximum end date of  
24.27 June 30, 2030;
- 24.28 (3) money appropriated for restoring or  
24.29 enhancing other land is available until June  
24.30 30, 2027;
- 24.31 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money  
24.32 appropriated for a project that receives at least  
24.33 15 percent of its funding from federal funds  
24.34 is available until a date sufficient to match the



25.1 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
25.2 of six years if the federal funding was  
25.3 confirmed and included in the original  
25.4 approved draft accomplishment plan; and  
25.5 (5) money appropriated for other projects is  
25.6 available until the end of the fiscal year in  
25.7 which it is appropriated.

25.8 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
25.9 **Equipment Expenditures**

25.10 All agreements referred to in this section must  
25.11 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
25.12 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
25.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
25.14 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
25.15 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
25.16 1, 2022, or the date of accomplishment plan  
25.17 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
25.18 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
25.19 this section. For the purposes of administering  
25.20 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
25.21 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
25.22 fund, an expense must be considered  
25.23 reimbursable by the administering agency  
25.24 when the recipient presents the agency with  
25.25 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
25.26 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
25.27 goods have been received or the landowner  
25.28 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
25.29 must be made upon receiving documentation  
25.30 that the items articulated in the  
25.31 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
25.33 been achieved, including partial achievements  
25.34 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
25.35 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

26.1 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
26.2 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
26.3 support future management of acquired lands,  
26.4 or match a federal share. The advances must  
26.5 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
26.6 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
26.7 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be  
26.8 itemized in and approved as part of the  
26.9 accomplishment plan.

26.10 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

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

26.26 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

26.27 The availability of the appropriation for Laws  
26.28 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision 5,  
26.29 paragraph (n), for Buffalo River Watershed  
26.30 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June  
26.31 30, 2023.