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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to environment; appropriating money for park improvements in the city  
1.3 of Spring Hill; amending Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision  
1.4 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Parks and Trails Management** 118,305,000 111,680,000

1.8 Appropriations by Fund

1.9		2024	2025
1.10	General	42,952,000	36,707,000
1.11	Natural Resources	73,053,000	72,673,000
1.12	Game and Fish	2,300,000	2,300,000

1.13 (a) \$8,485,000 the first year and \$8,735,000  
1.14 the second year are from the natural resources  
1.15 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area  
1.16 operations. This appropriation is from revenue  
1.17 deposited in the natural resources fund under  
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
1.19 paragraph (h), clause (2).

1.20 (b) \$21,828,000 the first year and \$22,078,000  
1.21 the second year are from the state parks  
1.22 account in the natural resources fund to

2.1 operate and maintain state parks and state  
2.2 recreation areas.

2.3 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
2.4 the second year are from the natural resources  
2.5 fund for park and trail grants to local units of  
2.6 government on land to be maintained for at  
2.7 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must  
2.8 be given for projects that are in underserved  
2.9 communities or that increase access to persons  
2.10 with disabilities. This appropriation is from  
2.11 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund  
2.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
2.13 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered  
2.14 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
2.15 year and is available for the second year. Of  
2.16 the amount in the second year, \$400,000 is for  
2.17 a grant to the city of Spring Hill to design,  
2.18 construct, furnish, and equip improvements  
2.19 and betterments to a city park baseball field  
2.20 in the city of Spring Hill. This appropriation  
2.21 includes money for field lighting, a new  
2.22 grandstand, backstop and concrete  
2.23 improvements, and new bleachers. This is a  
2.24 onetime appropriation.

2.25 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000  
2.26 the second year are from the snowmobile trails  
2.27 and enforcement account in the natural  
2.28 resources fund for the snowmobile  
2.29 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered  
2.30 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
2.31 year and is available for the second year.

2.32 (e) \$2,435,000 the first year and \$2,435,000  
2.33 the second year are from the natural resources  
2.34 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid  
2.35 program. Of this amount, \$1,960,000 each

3.1 year is from the all-terrain vehicle account;  
3.2 \$150,000 each year is from the off-highway  
3.3 motorcycle account; and \$325,000 each year  
3.4 is from the off-road vehicle account. Any  
3.5 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
3.6 end of the first year and is available for the  
3.7 second year.

3.8 (f) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,250,000  
3.9 the second year are from the state land and  
3.10 water conservation account in the natural  
3.11 resources fund for priorities established by the  
3.12 commissioner for eligible state projects and  
3.13 administrative and planning activities  
3.14 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.15 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water  
3.16 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered  
3.17 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
3.18 year and is available for the second year.

3.19 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
3.20 second year are for matching grants for local  
3.21 parks and outdoor recreation areas under  
3.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,  
3.23 subdivision 2.

3.24 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
3.25 second year are for matching grants for local  
3.26 trail connections under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.27 section 85.019, subdivision 4c.

3.28 (i) \$750,000 the first year is from the  
3.29 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
3.30 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County  
3.31 to match other funding sources for design,  
3.32 right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and  
3.33 construction of trails within the Voyageur  
3.34 Country ATV trail system. This is a onetime  
3.35 appropriation and is available until June 30,

4.1 2026. This appropriation may be used as a  
4.2 local match to a state capital investment  
4.3 appropriation.

4.4 (j) \$700,000 the first year is from the  
4.5 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
4.6 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County  
4.7 to match other funding sources for design,  
4.8 right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and  
4.9 construction of a new trail within the  
4.10 Prospector trail system. This is a onetime  
4.11 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
4.12 2026. This appropriation may be used as a  
4.13 local match to a state capital investment  
4.14 appropriation.

4.15 (k) \$5,000,000 the first year is to facilitate the  
4.16 transfer of land within Upper Sioux Agency  
4.17 State Park required under this act, including  
4.18 but not limited to the acquisition of any land  
4.19 necessary to facilitate the transfer. This is a  
4.20 onetime appropriation and is available until  
4.21 June 30, 2033.

4.22 (l) \$400,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
4.23 second year are from the natural resources  
4.24 fund for parks and trails of regional  
4.25 significance outside of the seven-county  
4.26 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.27 section 85.535, based on the recommendations  
4.28 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks  
4.29 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is  
4.30 from revenue deposited in the natural  
4.31 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.32 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

4.33 (m) \$400,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
4.34 second year are from the natural resources  
4.35 fund for projects and activities that connect

5.1 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through  
5.2 expanding cultural environmental experiences,  
5.3 exploration of their environment, and outdoor  
5.4 recreational activities. This appropriation is  
5.5 from revenue deposited in the natural  
5.6 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.7 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

5.8 (n) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
5.9 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle  
5.10 account in the natural resources fund to the  
5.11 commissioner of natural resources for a grant  
5.12 to Aitkin County, in cooperation with the  
5.13 Northwoods Regional ATV Trail Alliance, to  
5.14 maintain and repair the Northwoods Regional  
5.15 ATV trail system. This is a onetime  
5.16 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
5.17 2026.

5.18 (o) \$458,000 the first year is for a grant to  
5.19 Dakota County for improvements to the Swing  
5.20 Bridge Trailhead and historic Rock Island  
5.21 Swing Bridge along the Mississippi River  
5.22 Greenway, including LED lighting.

5.23 (p) \$1,200,000 the first year is for a grant to  
5.24 Dakota County for adding a public boat launch  
5.25 along the Mississippi River between South St.  
5.26 Paul and Hastings.

5.27 (q) \$400,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
5.28 city of Silver Bay for construction of the Silver  
5.29 Bay Trailhead.

5.30 (r) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
5.31 city of Chisholm for trail development,  
5.32 maintenance, and related amenities at Redhead  
5.33 Mountain Bike Park.

6.1 (s) \$1,900,000 the first year is for a grant to  
6.2 the town of Crane Lake for construction,  
6.3 improvements, and maintenance at one or  
6.4 more of the following locations: the Crane  
6.5 Lake Voyageurs National Park Visitor Center  
6.6 and Campground and the state-operated boat  
6.7 ramp at Crane Lake. This is a onetime  
6.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
6.9 2026.

6.10 (t) The total general fund base budget for the  
6.11 parks and trails division for fiscal year 2026  
6.12 and later is \$35,707,000.