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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 legacy; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund; modifying  
1.3 requirements for reporting revenue generated by recipients of fund appropriations;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.7 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
1.8 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage  
1.9 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The "first year" is fiscal year 2024. The  
1.10 "second year" is fiscal year 2025. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The  
1.11 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

1.12		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
1.13		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
1.14		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
1.15		<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>

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

1.17	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>167,071,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>655,000</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.

1.22	<b><u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u></b>		<b><u>31,058,000</u></b>		<b><u>-0-</u></b>
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1.23 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**  
1.24 **XIII**

2.1 \$3,752,000 the first year is to the  
2.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
2.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
2.4 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
2.5 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
2.6 savanna. Subject to the evaluation criteria in  
2.7 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
2.8 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
2.9 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
2.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
2.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
2.12 income statements and balance sheets for  
2.13 income and expenses from land acquired with  
2.14 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
2.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
2.16 later than 180 days after the close of The  
2.17 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of  
2.18 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and  
2.19 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
2.20 required accomplishment plan and must be  
2.21 consistent with the priorities identified in the  
2.22 *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.*

2.23 **(b) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
2.24 **Phase VII**

2.25 \$2,080,000 the first year is to the  
2.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
2.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
2.28 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
2.29 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
2.30 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife  
2.31 management area purposes under Minnesota  
2.32 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as  
2.33 follows: \$1,613,000 to Fox Lake Conservation  
2.34 League Inc.; \$421,000 to Ducks Unlimited;  
2.35 and \$46,000 to The Conservation Fund. A list

3.1 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
3.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.3 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase V**

3.4 \$2,673,000 the first year is to the Board of  
3.5 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
3.6 permanent conservation easements and to  
3.7 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
3.8 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
3.9 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$46,000 is  
3.10 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
3.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
3.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
3.14 conservation easements must be provided as  
3.15 part of the final report.

3.16 **(d) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
3.17 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase IX**

3.18 \$4,282,000 the first year is to the  
3.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.20 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
3.21 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
3.22 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
3.23 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
3.24 River Valley for wildlife management  
3.25 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.26 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
3.27 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
3.28 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United  
3.29 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
3.30 the evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,  
3.31 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
3.32 acquiring lands that are eligible for the native  
3.33 prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.34 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native  
3.35 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions

4.1 must be provided as part of the required  
4.2 accomplishment plan.

4.3 **(e) Working Lands for Habitat**

4.4 \$2,636,000 the first year is to the Board of  
4.5 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
4.6 permanent conservation easements that allow  
4.7 long-term grazing while also protecting  
4.8 wildlife habitat and water quality under  
4.9 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
4.10 103F.531. Grazing plans must be developed  
4.11 before grazing is allowed. Of this amount, up  
4.12 to \$46,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
4.13 enforcement fund as approved in the  
4.14 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
4.15 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
4.16 list of permanent conservation easements must  
4.17 be provided as part of the final report.

4.18 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**  
4.19 **Program, Phase XV**

4.20 \$5,075,000 the first year is to the  
4.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
4.23 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
4.24 wildlife management area purposes under  
4.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.26 subdivision 8. Subject to the evaluation criteria  
4.27 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.28 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
4.29 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
4.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
4.32 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
4.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.34 **(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**  
4.35 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase IV**

5.1 \$4,940,000 the first year is to the  
5.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
5.3 agreements to restore and enhance wetland  
5.4 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the  
5.5 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as  
5.6 follows: \$3,300,000 to Ducks Unlimited and  
5.7 \$1,640,000 to Pheasants Forever. A list of  
5.8 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
5.9 must be provided as part of the required  
5.10 accomplishment plan.

5.11 **(h) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XV**

5.12 \$2,922,000 the first year is to the  
5.13 commissioner of natural resources to  
5.14 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
5.15 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
5.16 management areas, in scientific and natural  
5.17 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
5.18 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
5.19 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
5.20 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
5.21 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
5.22 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
5.23 and enhancements must be provided as part  
5.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.25 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**  
5.26 **VI**

5.27 \$2,698,000 the first year is to the  
5.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
5.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
5.30 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
5.31 public lands. A list of proposed land  
5.32 restorations and enhancements must be  
5.33 provided as part of the required  
5.34 accomplishment plan.

- 6.1 Subd. 3. Forests 6,393,000 -0-
- 6.2 (a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation
- 6.3 Program
- 6.4 \$1,843,000 the first year is to the
- 6.5 commissioner of natural resources for
- 6.6 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
- 6.7 easements and restore and enhance forest
- 6.8 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
- 6.9 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
- 6.10 \$175,000 to St. John's University and
- 6.11 \$1,668,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.
- 6.12 \$168,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
- 6.13 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
- 6.14 enforcement fund as approved in the
- 6.15 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
- 6.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
- 6.17 list of proposed permanent conservation
- 6.18 easements, restorations, and enhancements
- 6.19 must be provided as part of the required
- 6.20 accomplishment plan.
- 6.21 (b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection
- 6.22 Program ACUB, Phase XI
- 6.23 \$2,076,000 the first year is to the Board of
- 6.24 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
- 6.25 the Morrison County Soil and Water
- 6.26 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
- 6.27 conservation easements and restore and
- 6.28 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
- 6.29 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
- 6.30 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
- 6.31 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$111,000 to the
- 6.32 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
- 6.33 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
- 6.34 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 6.35 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 6.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

7.1 conservation easements must be provided as  
7.2 part of the final report.

7.3 **(c) Protecting and Enhancing Public Land**  
7.4 **Forest Habitats by Strategically Acquiring**  
7.5 **Private Land Inholdings**

7.6 \$1,018,000 the first year is to the  
7.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.8 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to  
7.9 protect and enhance forest habitats by  
7.10 strategically acquiring private forest land  
7.11 inholdings to provide better public forest  
7.12 management, reduce fragmentation, and  
7.13 provide public access. A list of proposed  
7.14 acquisitions and enhancements must be  
7.15 provided as part of the required  
7.16 accomplishment plan.

7.17 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**  
7.18 **III**

7.19 \$1,456,000 the first year is to the  
7.20 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
7.21 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public  
7.22 lands throughout Minnesota. A list of  
7.23 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
7.24 must be provided as part of the required  
7.25 accomplishment plan.

7.26 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

32,569,000

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7.27 **(a) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**  
7.28 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase XII**

7.29 \$4,011,000 the first year is to the Board of  
7.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
7.31 permanent conservation easements and to  
7.32 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
7.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
7.34 Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for  
7.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

8.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
8.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
8.4 conservation easements must be provided as  
8.5 part of the final report.

8.6 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
8.7 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

8.8 \$6,871,000 the first year is to the  
8.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
8.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
8.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.13 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
8.14 prairie lands, wetlands, and land that buffers  
8.15 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
8.16 must be provided as part of the required  
8.17 accomplishment plan.

8.18 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
8.19 **Program, Phase VIII**

8.20 \$2,931,000 the first year is to the  
8.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
8.23 acquire permanent conservation easements  
8.24 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and  
8.25 other habitat on permanently protected  
8.26 conservation easements in high-priority  
8.27 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,  
8.28 forest/prairie transition, and forest regions. Of  
8.29 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a  
8.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
8.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
8.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
8.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
8.34 conservation easement acquisitions and  
8.35 restorations and enhancements must be

9.1 provided as part of the required  
9.2 accomplishment plan.

9.3 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**  
9.4 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**

9.5 \$5,090,000 the first year is to the  
9.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
9.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
9.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and  
9.10 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
9.11 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
9.12 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
9.13 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
9.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.15 **(e) Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods**

9.16 \$603,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
9.17 of natural resources for an agreement with  
9.18 Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers to restore and  
9.19 enhance wetlands in Scott and Rice Counties.  
9.20 A list of proposed restorations and  
9.21 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
9.22 required accomplishment plan.

9.23 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
9.24 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
9.25 **IX**

9.26 \$6,455,000 the first year is to the  
9.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.28 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
9.29 and enhance shallow lakes, wetlands, and  
9.30 grasslands on public lands and wetlands and  
9.31 grasslands under permanent conservation  
9.32 easement for wildlife management. A list of  
9.33 proposed shallow-lake enhancements and  
9.34 wetland restorations must be provided as part  
9.35 of the required accomplishment plan.

10.1 **(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland**  
 10.2 **Restoration Project, Phase III**

10.3 \$1,122,000 the first year is to the  
 10.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.5 agreement with the National Park Service to  
 10.6 restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine  
 10.7 habitat in Voyageurs National Park. A list of  
 10.8 proposed restorations and enhancements must  
 10.9 be provided as part of the required  
 10.10 accomplishment plan.

10.11 **(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
 10.12 **Enhancement, Phase XV**

10.13 \$3,596,000 the first year is to the  
 10.14 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 10.15 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 10.16 statewide. A list of proposed shallow lake and  
 10.17 wetland restorations and enhancements must  
 10.18 be provided as part of the required  
 10.19 accomplishment plan.

10.20 **(i) Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition**

10.21 \$1,890,000 the first year is to the  
 10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.23 agreement with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake  
 10.24 Watershed District to acquire in fee and restore  
 10.25 and enhance lands for wildlife and water  
 10.26 quality purposes in the Bone Lake watershed.  
 10.27 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
 10.28 provided as part of the required  
 10.29 accomplishment plan.

10.30 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

95,220,000

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10.31 **(a) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**  
 10.32 **Program, Phase III**

10.33 \$4,524,000 the first year is to the  
 10.34 commissioner of natural resources for  
 10.35 agreements to acquire permanent conservation

- 11.1 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
- 11.2 habitat in Hennepin County as follows:
- 11.3 \$1,687,000 to Hennepin County and
- 11.4 \$2,837,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.
- 11.5 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
- 11.6 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
- 11.7 enforcement fund as approved in the
- 11.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
- 11.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
- 11.10 list of proposed permanent conservation
- 11.11 easements, restorations, and enhancements
- 11.12 must be provided as part of the required
- 11.13 accomplishment plan.
- 11.14 **(b) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
- 11.15 **Phase VIII**
- 11.16 \$3,181,000 the first year is to the
- 11.17 commissioner of natural resources for
- 11.18 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
- 11.19 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
- 11.20 habitat on public lands and easements in the
- 11.21 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
- 11.22 minor watersheds as follows: \$768,000 to the
- 11.23 Anoka Conservation District; \$804,000 to
- 11.24 Great River Greening; \$168,000 to the
- 11.25 National Wild Turkey Federation; \$268,000
- 11.26 to Sherburne County; and \$1,173,000 to
- 11.27 Minnesota Land Trust. \$144,000 of the
- 11.28 amount to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish
- 11.29 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
- 11.30 approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 11.31 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 11.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
- 11.33 permanent conservation easements,
- 11.34 restorations, and enhancements must be
- 11.35 provided as part of the required
- 11.36 accomplishment plan.

12.1 **(c) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
12.2 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase II**

12.3 \$2,988,000 the first year is to the  
12.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
12.5 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
12.6 acquire permanent conservation easements  
12.7 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
12.8 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
12.9 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a  
12.10 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
12.11 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
12.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
12.13 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
12.14 conservation easement acquisitions,  
12.15 restorations, and enhancements must be  
12.16 provided as part of the required  
12.17 accomplishment plan.

12.18 **(d) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District**  
12.19 **Stream Habitat Program, Phase III**

12.20 \$3,647,000 the first year is to acquire  
12.21 permanent conservation easements and restore  
12.22 and enhance aquatic and upland habitat  
12.23 associated with the Red River and Buffalo  
12.24 River watersheds. Of this amount, \$2,149,000  
12.25 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
12.26 an agreement with the Buffalo-Red River  
12.27 Watershed District and \$1,498,000 is to the  
12.28 Board of Water and Soil Resources. \$102,000  
12.29 of the amount to the Board of Water and Soil  
12.30 Resources is for establishing a monitoring and  
12.31 enforcement fund as approved in the  
12.32 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
12.33 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
12.34 list of proposed acquisitions and restorations  
12.35 must be included as part of the required  
12.36 accomplishment plan.

13.1 **(e) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
13.2 **Restoration, Phase XI**

13.3 \$3,576,000 the first year is to the  
13.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.5 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
13.6 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.7 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public  
13.8 lands and permanent conservation easements  
13.9 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$1,278,000  
13.10 to The Nature Conservancy; \$909,000 to Trust  
13.11 for Public Land; and \$1,389,000 to Minnesota  
13.12 Land Trust. \$168,000 of the amount to  
13.13 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
13.14 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
13.15 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
13.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
13.17 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
13.18 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
13.19 must be provided as part of the required  
13.20 accomplishment plan.

13.21 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
13.22 **Biological Significance, Phase II**

13.23 \$3,550,000 the first year is to the  
13.24 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.25 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
13.26 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.27 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding  
13.28 biological significance in northeast and  
13.29 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,  
13.30 \$1,409,000 is to Northern Waters Land Trust  
13.31 and \$2,141,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust.  
13.32 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land  
13.33 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and  
13.34 enforcement fund as approved in the  
13.35 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
13.36 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

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

14.3 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
14.4 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase IX**

14.5 \$3,619,000 the first year is to the  
14.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
14.8 permanent conservation easements and to  
14.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
14.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
14.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
14.12 Counties as follows: \$1,777,000 to Northern  
14.13 Waters Land Trust and \$1,842,000 to  
14.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to  
14.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
14.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
14.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
14.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
14.19 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
14.20 provided as part of the required  
14.21 accomplishment plan.

14.22 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
14.23 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**  
14.24 **XV**

14.25 \$2,277,000 the first year is to the  
14.26 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
14.27 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
14.28 wildlife management purposes under  
14.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
14.30 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
14.31 scientific and natural area purposes under  
14.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
14.33 subdivision 5. Subject to the evaluation criteria  
14.34 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
14.35 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
14.36 eligible for the native prairie bank under

15.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
15.2 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
15.3 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
15.4 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.5 **(i) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**  
15.6 **Phase III**

15.7 \$1,015,000 the first year is to the  
15.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
15.9 land in permanent conservation easements to  
15.10 protect trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this  
15.11 amount, up to \$108,000 is for establishing a  
15.12 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
15.13 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
15.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
15.15 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
15.16 conservation easements must be provided as  
15.17 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.18 **(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XIII**

15.19 \$14,925,000 the first year is to the  
15.20 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.21 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
15.22 permanent conservation easements and to  
15.23 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
15.24 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
15.25 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
15.26 the metropolitan area as follows: \$600,000 to  
15.27 Minnesota Valley Trust; \$435,000 to Friends  
15.28 of the Mississippi River; \$825,000 to Great  
15.29 River Greening; \$11,172,000 to Trust for  
15.30 Public Land; and \$1,893,000 to Minnesota  
15.31 Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota  
15.32 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
15.33 enforcement fund as approved in the  
15.34 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
15.35 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

16.1 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
 16.2 permanent conservation easements must be  
 16.3 provided as part of the required  
 16.4 accomplishment plan.

16.5 **(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
 16.6 **Restoration, Phase IV**

16.7 \$12,947,000 the first year is to the  
 16.8 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.9 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
 16.10 permanent conservation easements and to  
 16.11 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in  
 16.12 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:  
 16.13 \$11,171,000 to Trust for Public Land;  
 16.14 \$105,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and  
 16.15 \$1,671,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
 16.16 \$144,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
 16.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 16.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 16.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 16.21 land acquisitions and permanent conservation  
 16.22 easements must be provided as part of the  
 16.23 required accomplishment plan.

16.24 **(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 16.25 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

16.26 \$2,139,000 the first year is to the  
 16.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 16.28 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 16.29 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
 16.30 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell  
 16.31 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
 16.32 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 16.33 must be provided as part of the required  
 16.34 accomplishment plan.

16.35 **(m) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**  
 16.36 **II**

17.1 \$3,181,000 the first year is to the Board of  
17.2 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
17.3 permanent conservation easements and restore  
17.4 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One  
17.5 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to  
17.6 wildlife and clean water. Up to \$85,000 of the  
17.7 amount is for establishing a monitoring and  
17.8 enforcement fund as approved in the  
17.9 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
17.10 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
17.11 list of permanent conservation easements must  
17.12 be provided as part of the final report.

17.13 **(n) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**  
17.14 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase XII**

17.15 \$2,901,000 the first year is to the  
17.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.17 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore  
17.18 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon  
17.19 River watershed as follows: \$119,000 to Clean  
17.20 River Partners; \$914,000 to Great River  
17.21 Greening; and \$1,868,000 to Trust for Public  
17.22 Land. A list of proposed land acquisitions,  
17.23 restorations, and enhancements must be  
17.24 provided as part of the required  
17.25 accomplishment plan.

17.26 **(o) Enhance Metro and North Shore Trout**  
17.27 **Stream Habitats, Phase II**

17.28 \$1,645,000 the first year is to the  
17.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
17.30 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
17.31 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and  
17.32 other species in and along coldwater rivers,  
17.33 lakes, and streams in the metro and southeast  
17.34 regions of Minnesota. A list of proposed  
17.35 restorations and enhancements must be

18.1 provided as part of the required  
18.2 accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(p) Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for**  
18.4 **Turtles and Pollinators, Phase II**

18.5 \$735,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.6 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
18.7 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to  
18.8 enhance shoreline and upland habitat on Lake  
18.9 Nokomis. A list of proposed enhancements  
18.10 must be provided as part of the required  
18.11 accomplishment plan.

18.12 **(q) Upper Sioux Community Habitat**  
18.13 **Restoration**

18.14 \$940,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.15 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
18.16 Upper Sioux Community to restore and  
18.17 enhance oak savanna, forest, prairie, and other  
18.18 wildlife habitats on Tribal lands. A list of  
18.19 proposed restorations and enhancements must  
18.20 be provided as part of the required  
18.21 accomplishment plan.

18.22 **(r) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**  
18.23 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

18.24 \$1,654,000 the first year is to the  
18.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.26 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
18.27 Water Conservation District to restore and  
18.28 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the  
18.29 Rum River corridor. A list of proposed  
18.30 enhancements and restorations must be  
18.31 provided as part of the required  
18.32 accomplishment plan.

18.33 **(s) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**  
18.34 **Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River**  
18.35 **Valley**

19.1 \$1,007,000 the first year is to the  
19.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.3 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore  
19.4 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird  
19.5 areas and other priority wildlife areas in the  
19.6 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed  
19.7 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.8 provided as part of the required  
19.9 accomplishment plan.

19.10 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**  
19.11 **Phase X**

19.12 \$2,526,000 the first year is to the  
19.13 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.14 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
19.15 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
19.16 Of this amount, up to \$136,000 is for an  
19.17 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
19.18 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
19.19 must be provided as part of the required  
19.20 accomplishment plan.

19.21 **(u) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
19.22 **Enhancement, Phase XI**

19.23 \$4,011,000 the first year is to the  
19.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.25 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
19.26 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
19.27 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
19.28 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.29 provided as part of the required  
19.30 accomplishment plan.

19.31 **(v) DNR Roving Crew, Phase II**

19.32 \$8,732,000 the first year is to the  
19.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.34 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on  
19.35 permanently protected lands throughout

20.1 Minnesota using the roving crew program of  
20.2 the Department of Natural Resources. A list  
20.3 of restoration and enhancement projects must  
20.4 be provided as part of the required  
20.5 accomplishment plan.

20.6 **(w) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
20.7 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
20.8 **XV**

20.9 \$9,500,000 the first year is to the  
20.10 commissioner of natural resources for a  
20.11 program to provide competitive matching  
20.12 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,  
20.13 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
20.14 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
20.15 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
20.16 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
20.17 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
20.18 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
20.19 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
20.20 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
20.21 owners of lands subject to conservation  
20.22 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
20.23 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
20.24 that have a total project cost exceeding  
20.25 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,  
20.26 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
20.27 and other direct and necessary administrative  
20.28 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
20.29 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
20.30 may not be used to establish easement  
20.31 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
20.32 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
20.33 the open season unless otherwise provided by  
20.34 law. The program must require a match of at  
20.35 least ten percent from nonstate sources for all  
20.36 grants. The match may be cash or in-kind

21.1 resources. For grant applications of \$25,000  
21.2 or less, the commissioner must provide a  
21.3 separate, simplified application process.  
21.4 Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
21.5 commissioner of natural resources must, when  
21.6 evaluating projects of equal value, give  
21.7 priority to organizations that have a history of  
21.8 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
21.9 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
21.10 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in  
21.11 fee or a conservation easement, the  
21.12 commissioner must give priority to projects  
21.13 associated with or within one mile of existing  
21.14 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
21.15 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
21.16 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
21.17 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
21.18 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
21.19 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
21.20 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
21.21 enhancement projects must be on land  
21.22 permanently protected by a permanent  
21.23 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
21.24 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
21.25 by a conservation easement, or by public  
21.26 ownership or in public waters as defined in  
21.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
21.28 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
21.29 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
21.30 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.31 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
21.32 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
21.33 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five  
21.34 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
21.35 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
21.36 recipient has completed a grant

22.1 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
 22.2 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
 22.3 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
 22.4 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 22.5 program in the summary of game and fish law  
 22.6 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 22.7 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.8 **Subd. 6. Administration** 1,831,000 655,000

22.9 **(a) Contract Management**

22.10 \$336,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 22.11 of natural resources for contract management  
 22.12 duties assigned in this section. The  
 22.13 commissioner must provide an  
 22.14 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 22.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.16 on expending this appropriation. The  
 22.17 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 22.18 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 22.19 manual. No money may be expended before  
 22.20 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.21 approves the accomplishment plan. Money  
 22.22 appropriated in this paragraph is available until  
 22.23 June 30, 2025.

22.24 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.25 \$634,000 the first year and \$651,000 the  
 22.26 second year are to the Legislative  
 22.27 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
 22.28 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 22.29 Heritage Council and for compensating and  
 22.30 reimbursing expenses of council members.  
 22.31 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 22.32 2025. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
 22.33 applies to this appropriation.

22.34 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

23.1 \$190,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 23.2 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
 23.3 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and  
 23.4 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
 23.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

23.6 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**  
 23.7 **Acquisitions**

23.8 \$668,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 23.9 of natural resources to administer the initial  
 23.10 development, restoration, and enhancement  
 23.11 of fee title acquisitions funded through the  
 23.12 outdoor heritage fund. Money may be used  
 23.13 for land acquisition costs incurred by the  
 23.14 department as part of conveying parcels to the  
 23.15 Department of Natural Resources and for  
 23.16 initial development activities on fee title  
 23.17 acquisitions. This appropriation is available  
 23.18 until June 30, 2026.

23.19 **(e) Legacy Website**

23.20 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second  
 23.21 year are to the Legislative Coordinating  
 23.22 Commission for the website required under  
 23.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
 23.24 10.

23.25 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

23.26 (a) Money appropriated in this section may  
 23.27 not be spent on activities unless they are  
 23.28 directly related to and necessary for a specific  
 23.29 appropriation and are specified in the  
 23.30 accomplishment plan approved by the  
 23.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 23.32 Money appropriated in this section must not  
 23.33 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
 23.34 overhead charges that are not directly related  
 23.35 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

24.1 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee title  
24.2 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide  
24.3 for public use of the land acquired with the  
24.4 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
24.5 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

24.6 (b) Money appropriated in this section is  
24.7 available as follows:

24.8 (1) money appropriated to acquire real  
24.9 property is available until June 30, 2027;

24.10 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance  
24.11 land acquired with an appropriation in this act  
24.12 is available for four years after the acquisition  
24.13 date with a maximum end date of June 30,  
24.14 2031;

24.15 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance  
24.16 other land is available until June 30, 2028;

24.17 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money  
24.18 appropriated for a project that receives at least  
24.19 15 percent of its funding from federal funds  
24.20 is available until a date sufficient to match the  
24.21 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
24.22 of six years if the federal funding was  
24.23 confirmed and included in the original  
24.24 approved draft accomplishment plan; and

24.25 (5) money appropriated for other projects is  
24.26 available until the end of the fiscal year in  
24.27 which it is appropriated.

24.28 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
24.29 **Equipment Expenditures**

24.30 All agreements referred to in this section must  
24.31 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
24.32 unless otherwise provided in this section.

24.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
24.34 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each

25.1 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
25.2 1, 2023, or the date of accomplishment plan  
25.3 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
25.4 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
25.5 this section. For purposes of administering  
25.6 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
25.7 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
25.8 fund, an expense must be considered  
25.9 reimbursable by the administering agency  
25.10 when the recipient presents the agency with  
25.11 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
25.12 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
25.13 goods have been received or the landowner  
25.14 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
25.15 must be made upon receiving documentation  
25.16 that the items articulated in the  
25.17 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
25.19 been achieved, including partial achievements  
25.20 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
25.21 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
25.22 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
25.23 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,  
25.24 support future management of acquired lands,  
25.25 or match a federal share. The advances must  
25.26 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
25.27 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
25.28 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized  
25.29 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
25.30 plan.

25.31 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

25.32 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
25.33 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
25.34 grant awarded under this section, must provide  
25.35 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams

26.1 Outdoor Heritage Council to map any lands  
26.2 that are acquired in fee with money  
26.3 appropriated in this section and open to public  
26.4 taking of fish and game. The commissioner  
26.5 of natural resources must include the lands  
26.6 acquired in fee with money appropriated in  
26.7 this section on maps showing public recreation  
26.8 opportunities. Maps must include information  
26.9 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
26.10 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
26.11 restrictions.

26.12 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

26.13 (a) The availability of the appropriation under  
26.14 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,  
26.15 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake  
26.16 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.

26.17 (b) The availability of the appropriation under  
26.18 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,  
26.19 subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in  
26.20 Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and  
26.21 Water - Phase VII, is extended to June 30,  
26.22 2025.

26.23 (c) The availability of the appropriation under  
26.24 Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section 2,  
26.25 subdivision 5, paragraph (i), Lower  
26.26 Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase  
26.27 IV, is extended to June 30, 2027.

26.28 (d) The availability of the appropriation under  
26.29 Laws 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision  
26.30 5, paragraph (n), Buffalo River Watershed  
26.31 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June  
26.32 30, 2025.

27.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

27.2 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
27.3 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the  
27.4 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired  
27.5 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.  
27.6 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than ~~60~~ 90 days  
27.7 after the availability of the appropriation ends.

27.8 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:

27.9 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat  
27.10 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved  
27.11 accomplishment plan;

27.12 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the  
27.13 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or

27.14 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than ~~60~~ 90 days after the  
27.15 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.

27.16 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.