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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 4498

03/16/2020 Authored by Hansen The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural
1.3 resources trust fund; modifying previous appropriations; amending Laws 2017,
1.4 chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 9, as amended; Laws 2018, chapter 214, article
1.5 4, section 2, subdivision 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.8 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.9 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the environment and
1.10 natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years
1.11 indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this act mean that the
1.12 appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or
1.13 June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal
1.14 year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Table with 2 columns: 2020, 2021. Header: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30

1.19 Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES

1.20 Subdivision 1. Total
1.21 Appropriation \$ -0- \$ 59,887,000

1.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
1.23 purpose are specified in the following
1.24 subdivisions. Appropriations in the second
1.25 year are available for three years beginning

2.1 July 1, 2020, unless otherwise stated in the
 2.2 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
 2.3 remaining in the first year does not cancel and
 2.4 is available for the second year or until the
 2.5 end of the appropriation.

2.6 **Subd. 2. Definition**

2.7 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota
 2.8 environment and natural resources trust fund
 2.9 established under the Minnesota Constitution,
 2.10 article XI, section 14.

2.11 **Subd. 3. Foundational**
 2.12 **Natural Resource Data and**
 2.13 **Information**

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8,593,000

2.14 **(a) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**
 2.15 **Management**

2.16 \$2,000,000 the second year is from the trust
 2.17 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 2.18 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,
 2.19 to continue producing county geologic atlases
 2.20 to inform management of surface water and
 2.21 groundwater resources. This appropriation is
 2.22 to complete Part A, which focuses on the
 2.23 properties and distribution of earth materials
 2.24 to define aquifer boundaries and the
 2.25 connection of aquifers to the land surface and
 2.26 surface water resources.

2.27 **(b) Expanding Minnesota Ecological Monitoring**
 2.28 **Network**

2.29 \$800,000 the second year is from the trust
 2.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 2.31 to improve conservation and management of
 2.32 Minnesota's native forests, wetlands, and
 2.33 grasslands by expanding the partially
 2.34 established long-term Ecological Monitoring
 2.35 Network that will provide critical knowledge

3.1 of how ecosystem dynamics and conditions
3.2 change through time.

3.3 **(c) County Groundwater Atlas**

3.4 \$1,125,000 the second year is from the trust
3.5 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
3.6 to continue producing county geologic atlases
3.7 to inform management of surface water and
3.8 groundwater resources for drinking water and
3.9 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part
3.10 B, to characterize the potential water yields of
3.11 aquifers and the aquifers' sensitivity to
3.12 contamination.

3.13 **(d) Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland**
3.14 **Protection and Restoration**

3.15 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
3.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
3.17 to improve wetland protection, management,
3.18 and restoration in Minnesota by completing
3.19 the partially established long-term Wetland
3.20 Hydrology Monitoring Network that will
3.21 provide critical knowledge of wetland
3.22 hydrology dynamics. This appropriation is
3.23 available until June 30, 2024, by which time
3.24 the project must be completed and final
3.25 products delivered.

3.26 **(e) Voyageurs Wolf Project - Phase II**

3.27 \$575,000 the second year is from the trust
3.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
3.29 of Minnesota to study summertime wolf
3.30 predation on deer, moose, and other species
3.31 in the Voyageurs region to inform
3.32 management of wildlife. This appropriation
3.33 is available until June 30, 2024, by which time
3.34 the project must be completed and final
3.35 products delivered.

4.1 **(f) Expanding Restoration and Promoting**
 4.2 **Awareness of Native Mussels**

4.3 \$489,000 the second year is from the trust
 4.4 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Garden to
 4.5 promote mussel conservation by rearing
 4.6 juvenile mussels for reintroduction,
 4.7 researching methods to improve growth and
 4.8 survival in captivity, and encouraging public
 4.9 action to benefit water quality. This
 4.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 4.11 by which time the project must be completed
 4.12 and final products delivered.

4.13 **(g) Improving Pollinator Conservation by**
 4.14 **Revealing Habitat Needs**

4.15 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
 4.16 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 4.17 of Minnesota to use citizen scientists and novel
 4.18 analyses to determine the nesting and
 4.19 overwintering needs of wild bees to allow
 4.20 more specific protection and enhancement of
 4.21 pollinator habitat across the state.

4.22 **(h) Bee Minnesota - Protect Our Native**
 4.23 **Bumblebees**

4.24 \$650,000 the second year is from the trust
 4.25 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 4.26 of Minnesota to protect native bee health by
 4.27 investigating the potential to mitigate against
 4.28 pathogens that may be transmissible between
 4.29 honey and wild bees and by promoting best
 4.30 practices to beekeepers and the public. This
 4.31 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 4.32 section 116P.10.

4.33 **(i) Bobcat and Fisher Habitat Use and**
 4.34 **Interactions**

5.1 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
 5.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 5.3 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 5.4 Research Institute in Duluth to identify
 5.5 potential solutions to reverse the fisher
 5.6 population decline through better
 5.7 understanding of habitat, diet, and activity
 5.8 patterns of bobcats and fishers.

5.9 **(j) Healthy Prairies III: Restoring Minnesota**
 5.10 **Prairie Plant Diversity**

5.11 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
 5.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 5.13 of Minnesota to improve Minnesota prairie
 5.14 resiliency by increasing locally sourced seed
 5.15 availability and diversity, evaluating use of
 5.16 beneficial microbes in prairie restorations, and
 5.17 assessing adaptation and adaptive capacity of
 5.18 prairie plant populations.

5.19 **(k) Freshwater Sponges and AIS: Engaging**
 5.20 **Citizen Scientists**

5.21 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
 5.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 5.23 of Minnesota, Crookston, to use citizen
 5.24 scientists to study the geographic distribution,
 5.25 taxonomic diversity, and antifouling potential
 5.26 of freshwater sponges against aquatic invasive
 5.27 species.

5.28 **(l) Do Beavers Buffer Against Droughts and**
 5.29 **Floods?**

5.30 \$168,000 the second year is from the trust
 5.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 5.32 for an agreement with Voyageurs National
 5.33 Park to analyze existing data sets to determine
 5.34 the role of beaver populations and beaver

6.1 ponds in buffering the region against droughts
6.2 and floods.

6.3 **(m) Enhancing Bat Recovery by Optimizing**
6.4 **Artificial Roost Structures**

6.5 \$190,000 the second year is from the trust
6.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
6.7 to improve the survival of bats by identifying
6.8 characteristics of successful artificial bat roost
6.9 structures and optimizing the structures for
6.10 bat use and reproduction. This appropriation
6.11 is available until June 30, 2024, by which time
6.12 the project must be completed and final
6.13 products delivered.

6.14 **(n) Tools for Supporting Healthy Ecosystems**
6.15 **and Pollinators**

6.16 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
6.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
6.18 to create a pollination companion guide to the
6.19 Department of Natural Resources' *Field*
6.20 *Guides to the Native Plant Communities of*
6.21 *Minnesota* for conservation practitioners to
6.22 better integrate plant-pollinator interactions
6.23 into natural resource planning and decision
6.24 making.

6.25 **(o) Conserving Black Terns and Forster's Terns**
6.26 **in Minnesota**

6.27 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
6.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
6.29 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
6.30 Research Institute in Duluth to assess the
6.31 distribution and breeding status of black tern
6.32 and Forster's tern and to make conservation
6.33 and restoration recommendations to improve
6.34 the suitability of habitat for these two bird
6.35 species in Minnesota.

7.1	<u>Subd. 4. Water Resources</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,653,000</u>
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7.2 (a) **Unprecedented Change Threatens**
 7.3 **Minnesota's Pristine Lakes**

7.4 \$600,000 the second year is from the trust
 7.5 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota to
 7.6 determine how, when, and why lakes in
 7.7 pristine areas of the state without obvious
 7.8 nutrient loading are experiencing algal blooms.

7.9 (b) **Managing Highly Saline Waste from**
 7.10 **Municipal Water Treatment**

7.11 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust
 7.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 7.13 of Minnesota to develop a cost- and
 7.14 energy-efficient method of managing the
 7.15 concentrated saline waste from a municipal
 7.16 water treatment plant to increase the feasibility
 7.17 of using reverse osmosis for centralized water
 7.18 softening and sulfate removal. This
 7.19 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 7.20 section 116P.10.

7.21 (c) **Technology for Energy-Generating On-site**
 7.22 **Industrial Wastewater Treatment**

7.23 \$450,000 the second year is from the trust
 7.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 7.25 of Minnesota to improve water quality and
 7.26 generate cost savings by developing off the
 7.27 shelf technology that treats industrial
 7.28 wastewater on-site and turns pollutants into
 7.29 hydrogen and methane for energy. This
 7.30 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 7.31 section 116P.10.

7.32 (d) **Microplastics: Transporters of Contaminants**
 7.33 **in Minnesota Waters**

7.34 \$425,000 the second year is from the trust
 7.35 fund to the Board of Regents of the University

8.1 of Minnesota to study how several types of
8.2 common microplastics transport contaminants
8.3 of concern in Minnesota waters.

8.4 **(e) Developing Strategies to Manage PFAS in**
8.5 **Land-Applied Biosolids**

8.6 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust
8.7 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution
8.8 Control Agency to help municipal wastewater
8.9 plants, landfills, and compost facilities protect
8.10 human health and the environment by
8.11 developing strategies to manage per- and
8.12 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in
8.13 land-applied biosolids.

8.14 **(f) Quantifying New Urban Precipitation and**
8.15 **Water Reality**

8.16 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
8.17 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
8.18 of Minnesota to better guide storm water
8.19 management by evaluating the groundwater
8.20 and surface water interactions contributing to
8.21 high water tables and damage to home
8.22 basements and underground infrastructure in
8.23 urban areas.

8.24 **(g) Innovative Solution for Protecting Minnesota**
8.25 **from PFAS Contamination**

8.26 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust
8.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
8.28 for an agreement with Dem-Con Companies
8.29 to demonstrate a new technology for
8.30 protecting the state's drinking water and
8.31 natural resources by eliminating per- and
8.32 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from point
8.33 source discharges. This appropriation is
8.34 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10,

9.1 related to royalties, copyrights, patents, and
9.2 sale of products and assets.

9.3 **(h) Expanding Protection of Minnesota Water**
9.4 **through Industrial Conservation**

9.5 \$178,000 the second year is from the trust
9.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
9.7 of Minnesota for the Minnesota technical
9.8 assistance program in partnership with the
9.9 Minnesota Rural Water Association to provide
9.10 technical assistance to businesses to decrease
9.11 industrial and commercial water use in
9.12 communities at risk for inadequate
9.13 groundwater supply or quality.

9.14 **Subd. 5. Technical**
9.15 **Assistance, Outreach, and**
9.16 **Environmental Education**

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2,738,000

9.17 **(a) Statewide Environmental Education via**
9.18 **Public Television Outdoor Series**

9.19 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust
9.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
9.21 for an agreement with Pioneer Public
9.22 Television to produce approximately 25 new
9.23 episodes of a statewide outdoor public
9.24 television series designed to inspire
9.25 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and
9.26 restore and protect the environment.

9.27 **(b) Minnesota Freshwater Quest: Environmental**
9.28 **Education on State Waterways**

9.29 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
9.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
9.31 for an agreement with Wilderness Inquiry for
9.32 approximately 10,000 underserved Minnesota
9.33 youth to explore and improve local waterways
9.34 using the place-based and hands-on
9.35 "Minnesota Freshwater Quest" environmental
9.36 education program.

10.1 **(c) Teach Science: Schools as STEM Living**
 10.2 **Laboratories**

10.3 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust
 10.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 10.5 for an agreement with Climate Generation: A
 10.6 Will Steger Legacy to prepare students for the
 10.7 challenges and careers of the future by
 10.8 connecting new science standards, renewable
 10.9 energy, and STEM opportunities in teacher
 10.10 trainings, classroom demonstrations, and
 10.11 program support across the state.

10.12 **(d) Mentoring Next Generation of Conservation**
 10.13 **Professionals**

10.14 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
 10.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 10.16 for an agreement with Minnesota Valley
 10.17 National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., to
 10.18 provide paid internships and apprenticeships
 10.19 for diverse young people to learn about careers
 10.20 in the conservation field from United States
 10.21 Fish and Wildlife Service professionals while
 10.22 working at the Minnesota Valley National
 10.23 Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management
 10.24 District.

10.25 **(e) Jay C. Hormel Nature Center Supplemental**
 10.26 **Teaching Staff**

10.27 \$225,000 the second year is from the trust
 10.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 10.29 for an agreement with the city of Austin to
 10.30 expand the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
 10.31 environmental education program beyond the
 10.32 city of Austin to students in southeastern
 10.33 Minnesota for three years.

10.34 **(f) 375 Underserved Youth Learn Minnesota**
 10.35 **Ecosystems by Canoe**

11.1 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust
 11.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 11.3 for an agreement with the YMCA of the
 11.4 Greater Twin Cities to connect approximately
 11.5 375 underserved and diverse teens from urban
 11.6 areas and first-ring suburbs to environmental
 11.7 sciences in the natural world through canoeing
 11.8 and learning expeditions with experienced
 11.9 outdoor education counselors. This
 11.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 11.11 by which time the project must be completed
 11.12 and final products delivered.

11.13 **(g) YES! Students Take on Water Quality**
 11.14 **Challenge - Phase II**

11.15 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
 11.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 11.17 for an agreement with Prairie Woods
 11.18 Environmental Learning Center to mobilize
 11.19 local watershed stewardship efforts in
 11.20 approximately 20 communities through
 11.21 student-driven action projects.

11.22 **(h) Engaging Minnesotans with Phenology:**
 11.23 **Radio, Podcasts, Citizen Science**

11.24 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
 11.25 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 11.26 for an agreement with Northern Community
 11.27 Radio, Inc., in partnership with the Board of
 11.28 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
 11.29 build the next generation of conservationists
 11.30 using phenology, radio broadcasts, podcasts,
 11.31 and an online, interactive map interface to
 11.32 inspire teachers, students, and the public to
 11.33 get outside and experience nature.

11.34 **(i) Driving Conservation Behavior for Native**
 11.35 **Mussels and Water Quality**

12.1 \$191,000 the second year is from the trust
 12.2 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Garden to
 12.3 develop research-supported strategies to
 12.4 engage the public in specific conservation
 12.5 behaviors to improve water quality and native
 12.6 mussel health across the state.

12.7 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and**
 12.8 **Terrestrial Invasive Species**

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10,425,000

12.9 **(a) Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and**
 12.10 **Pests Center (MITPPC) - Phase V**

12.11 \$5,000,000 the second year is from the trust
 12.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 12.13 of Minnesota to support the Minnesota
 12.14 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center
 12.15 to fund approximately 15 new, high-priority
 12.16 research projects that will lead to better
 12.17 management of invasive plants, pathogens,
 12.18 and pests on Minnesota's natural and
 12.19 agricultural lands. This appropriation is subject
 12.20 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This
 12.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,
 12.22 by which time the project must be completed
 12.23 and final products delivered.

12.24 **(b) Protect Community Forests by Managing**
 12.25 **Ash for Emerald Ash Borer**

12.26 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust
 12.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 12.28 to reduce emerald ash borer by providing
 12.29 surveys, assessments, trainings, assistance,
 12.30 and grants for communities to manage emerald
 12.31 ash borer, plant a diversity of trees, and engage
 12.32 citizens in community forestry activities. This
 12.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 12.34 by which time the project must be completed
 12.35 and final products delivered.

13.1 **(c) Biological Control of White-Nose Syndrome**
 13.2 **in Bats - Phase III**

13.3 \$440,000 the second year is from the trust
 13.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 13.5 to continue assessing and developing a
 13.6 biocontrol agent for white-nose syndrome in
 13.7 bats.

13.8 **(d) Applying New Tools and Techniques Against**
 13.9 **Invasive Carp**

13.10 \$478,000 the second year is from the trust
 13.11 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 13.12 to apply new monitoring, outreach, and
 13.13 removal techniques and to continue work with
 13.14 commercial anglers to protect Minnesota
 13.15 waters from invasive carp.

13.16 **(e) Emerald Ash Borer and Black Ash:**
 13.17 **Maintaining Forests and Benefits**

13.18 \$700,000 the second year is from the trust
 13.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 13.20 of Minnesota to use ongoing experiments to
 13.21 determine statewide long-term emerald ash
 13.22 borer impacts on water, vegetation, and
 13.23 wildlife; to determine optimal replacement
 13.24 species and practices for forest diversification;
 13.25 and to develop criteria for prioritizing
 13.26 mitigation activities. This appropriation is
 13.27 available until June 30, 2025, by which time
 13.28 the project must be completed and final
 13.29 products delivered.

13.30 **(f) Testing Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive**
 13.31 **Species Removal Methods**

13.32 \$110,000 the second year is from the trust
 13.33 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 13.34 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
 13.35 Research Institute in Duluth to test how well

14.1 boat-cleaning methods work, to provide the
 14.2 Department of Natural Resources with a risk
 14.3 assessment, and to provide recommendations
 14.4 for improving boat-launch cleaning stations
 14.5 to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive
 14.6 species.

14.7 **(g) Invasive *Didymosphenia* Threatens North**
 14.8 **Shore Streams**

14.9 \$197,000 the second year is from the trust
 14.10 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota to
 14.11 evaluate the recent spread, origin, cause, and
 14.12 economic and ecological threat of didymo
 14.13 formation in North Shore streams and Lake
 14.14 Superior to inform management and outreach.

14.15 **Subd. 7. Air Quality and Renewable Energy** -0- 573,000

14.16 **(a) Storing Renewable Energy in Flow Battery**
 14.17 **for Grid Use**

14.18 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust
 14.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 14.20 of Minnesota, on behalf of the Morris campus,
 14.21 to analyze the potential of adding a flow
 14.22 battery and solar energy generation to the
 14.23 University of Minnesota Morris's existing
 14.24 renewable-energy-intensive microgrid.

14.25 **(b) Eco-Friendly Plastics from Cloquet Pulp-Mill**
 14.26 **Lignin**

14.27 \$193,000 the second year is from the trust
 14.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 14.29 of Minnesota to reduce environmental
 14.30 pollution from plastics by creating eco-friendly
 14.31 replacements using lignin from the pulp mill
 14.32 in Cloquet, Minnesota. This appropriation is
 14.33 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

14.34 **(c) Diverting Unsold Food from Landfills and**
 14.35 **Reducing Greenhouse Gases**

15.1 \$130,000 the second year is from the trust
 15.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 15.3 for an agreement with Second Harvest
 15.4 Heartland to prevent food from going to
 15.5 landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 15.6 by helping businesses donate unsold prepared
 15.7 food to food shelves.

15.8 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 15.9 **Water, and Habitat**

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4,219,000

15.10 **(a) Pollinator Central: Habitat Improvement**
 15.11 **with Citizen Monitoring**

15.12 \$750,000 the second year is from the trust
 15.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 15.14 for an agreement with Great River Greening
 15.15 to restore and enhance approximately 400
 15.16 acres of pollinator habitat on traditional and
 15.17 nontraditional sites such as roadsides and turf
 15.18 grass from Hastings to St. Cloud to benefit
 15.19 pollinators and build knowledge by engaging
 15.20 approximately 100 citizens in monitoring the
 15.21 impact of habitat improvements. This
 15.22 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 15.23 by which time the project must be completed
 15.24 and final products delivered.

15.25 **(b) Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Strategic**
 15.26 **Habitat Program**

15.27 \$750,000 the second year is from the trust
 15.28 fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources
 15.29 for building a new initiative to strategically
 15.30 restore and enhance approximately 1,000 acres
 15.31 of diverse native habitat to benefit multiple
 15.32 insects through grants, cost-share, and
 15.33 outreach. Notwithstanding subdivision 14,
 15.34 paragraph (e), restorations and enhancements
 15.35 may take place on land enrolled in
 15.36 Conservation Reserve Program and Reinvest

16.1 in Minnesota easement programs. This
16.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
16.3 by which time the project must be completed
16.4 and final products delivered.

16.5 **(c) Lignin-Coated Fertilizers for Phosphate**
16.6 **Control**

16.7 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust
16.8 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
16.9 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources
16.10 Research Institute in Duluth to test a new,
16.11 natural, slow-release fertilizer coating made
16.12 from processed wood to decrease phosphorus
16.13 runoff from farmland while also storing carbon
16.14 in soils. This appropriation is subject to
16.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

16.16 **(d) Implementing Hemp Crop Rotation to**
16.17 **Improve Water Quality**

16.18 \$700,000 the second year is from the trust
16.19 fund to the Minnesota State Colleges and
16.20 Universities System for Central Lakes College
16.21 to evaluate how hemp crops reduce nitrogen
16.22 contamination of surface water and
16.23 groundwater in conventional crop rotations
16.24 and demonstrate the environmental and
16.25 economic benefits of hemp production. This
16.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
16.27 by which time the project must be completed
16.28 and final products delivered.

16.29 **(e) Developing Cover-Crop Systems for Sugar**
16.30 **Beet Production**

16.31 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust
16.32 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
16.33 of Minnesota to develop agronomic guidelines
16.34 to support growers adopting cover-crop

17.1 practices in sugar beet production in
 17.2 west-central and northwest Minnesota.

17.3 **(f) Native Eastern Larch Beetle Decimating**
 17.4 **Minnesota's Tamarack Forests**

17.5 \$398,000 the second year is from the trust
 17.6 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 17.7 of Minnesota to understand conditions
 17.8 triggering eastern larch beetle outbreaks and
 17.9 develop management techniques to protect
 17.10 tamarack forests from this native insect. This
 17.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 17.12 by which time the project must be completed
 17.13 and final products delivered.

17.14 **(g) Habitat Associations of Mississippi**
 17.15 **Bottomland Forest Marsh Birds**

17.16 \$275,000 the second year is from the trust
 17.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 17.18 for an agreement with the National Audubon
 17.19 Society, Minnesota office, to evaluate habitat
 17.20 associations of bottomland forest birds in
 17.21 response to restoration actions to better target
 17.22 restoration efforts for wildlife. This
 17.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2024,
 17.24 by which time the project must be completed
 17.25 and final products delivered.

17.26 **(h) Peatland Restoration in the Lost River State**
 17.27 **Forest**

17.28 \$135,000 the second year is from the trust
 17.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 17.30 for an agreement with the Roseau River
 17.31 Watershed District to collect physical attribute
 17.32 data from drained peatlands, incorporate the
 17.33 data into a decision matrix, and generate a
 17.34 report detailing peatland restoration potential
 17.35 throughout the Lost River State Forest.

18.1 **(i) Prescribed Burning for Brushland-Dependent**
18.2 **Species - Phase II**

18.3 \$147,000 the second year is from the trust
18.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
18.5 of Minnesota to compare the effects of spring,
18.6 summer, and fall burns on birds and vegetation
18.7 and to provide guidelines for maintaining
18.8 healthy brushland habitat for a diversity of
18.9 wildlife and plant species.

18.10 **(j) Pollinator Habitat Creation Along Urban**
18.11 **Mississippi River**

18.12 \$129,000 the second year is from the trust
18.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
18.14 for an agreement with Friends of the
18.15 Mississippi River to remove invasive plants
18.16 and replace them with high-value native
18.17 species at three urban sites along the
18.18 Mississippi River to improve habitat for
18.19 pollinators and other wildlife. This
18.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,
18.21 by which time the project must be completed
18.22 and final products delivered.

18.23 **(k) Increase Golden Shiner Production to Protect**
18.24 **Aquatic Communities**

18.25 \$188,000 the second year is from the trust
18.26 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
18.27 of Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant in
18.28 Duluth to identify and demonstrate best
18.29 methods for in-state production of golden
18.30 shiners to address angler demand while
18.31 reducing the risk of introducing and spreading
18.32 invasive species and to communicate findings
18.33 through reports, manuals, and workshops.
18.34 Production of shiners in this project must not
18.35 take place in wetlands.

19.1 **(l) Restoring Turf to Native Pollinator Gardens**
 19.2 **Across Metro**

19.3 \$197,000 the second year is from the trust
 19.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 19.5 for an agreement with Wilderness in the City
 19.6 to transition turf to native gardens for
 19.7 pollinator habitat, establish long-term
 19.8 volunteer stewardship networks, and help
 19.9 connect diverse populations with nature
 19.10 throughout the metropolitan regional park
 19.11 system. A letter of commitment from the
 19.12 respective regional park implementing agency
 19.13 must be provided before money from this
 19.14 appropriation is spent at a regional park within
 19.15 the agency's jurisdiction.

19.16 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition,**
 19.17 **Habitat, and Recreation**

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29,551,000

19.18 **(a) DNR Scientific and Natural Areas**

19.19 \$3,000,000 the second year is from the trust
 19.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 19.21 for the scientific and natural area (SNA)
 19.22 program to restore, improve, and enhance
 19.23 wildlife habitat on SNAs; increase public
 19.24 involvement and outreach; and strategically
 19.25 acquire high-quality lands that meet criteria
 19.26 for SNAs under Minnesota Statutes, section
 19.27 86A.05, from willing sellers.

19.28 **(b) Private Native Prairie Conservation through**
 19.29 **Native Prairie Bank**

19.30 \$2,000,000 the second year is from the trust
 19.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 19.32 to provide technical stewardship assistance to
 19.33 private landowners, restore and enhance native
 19.34 prairie protected by easements in the native
 19.35 prairie bank, and acquire easements for the

20.1 native prairie bank in accordance with
 20.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, including
 20.3 preparing initial baseline property assessments.
 20.4 Up to \$60,000 of this appropriation may be
 20.5 deposited in the natural resources conservation
 20.6 easement stewardship account, created in
 20.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.69, proportional
 20.8 to the number of easement acres acquired.

20.9 **(c) Minnesota State Parks and State Trails**
 20.10 **Inholdings**

20.11 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust
 20.12 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 20.13 to acquire high-priority inholdings from
 20.14 willing sellers within the legislatively
 20.15 authorized boundaries of state parks,
 20.16 recreation areas, and trails to protect
 20.17 Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor
 20.18 recreation, and promote tourism.

20.19 **(d) Grants for Local Parks, Trails, and Natural**
 20.20 **Areas**

20.21 \$2,400,000 the second year is from the trust
 20.22 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 20.23 to solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching
 20.24 grants for local parks, trail connections, and
 20.25 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota
 20.26 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is
 20.27 for local nature-based recreation, connections
 20.28 to regional and state natural areas, and
 20.29 recreation facilities and may not be used for
 20.30 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,
 20.31 and playgrounds.

20.32 **(e) Mississippi River Aquatic Habitat**
 20.33 **Restoration and Mussel Reintroduction**

20.34 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust
 20.35 fund. Of this amount, \$1,549,000 is to the

21.1 commissioner of natural resources for an
 21.2 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 21.3 Recreation Board and \$251,000 is to the
 21.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 21.5 lost habitat and reintroduce mussels in the
 21.6 Mississippi River above St. Anthony Falls.
 21.7 This work includes creating habitat and
 21.8 species restoration plans, implementing the
 21.9 restoration plans, and monitoring effectiveness
 21.10 of the restoration for multiple years after
 21.11 implementation. This appropriation is
 21.12 available until June 30, 2026, by which time
 21.13 the project must be completed and final
 21.14 products delivered.

21.15 **(f) Minnesota Hunter Walking Trails: Public**
 21.16 **Land Recreational Access**

21.17 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust
 21.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 21.19 for an agreement with the Ruffed Grouse
 21.20 Society to improve Minnesota's hunter
 21.21 walking trail system by restoring or upgrading
 21.22 trailheads and trails, developing new walking
 21.23 trails, and compiling enhanced maps for use
 21.24 by managers and the public.

21.25 **(g) Turning Back to Rivers: Environmental and**
 21.26 **Recreational Protection**

21.27 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust
 21.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 21.29 for an agreement with The Trust for Public
 21.30 Land to help local communities acquire
 21.31 priority land along the Mississippi, St. Croix,
 21.32 and Minnesota Rivers and their tributaries to
 21.33 protect natural resources, provide buffers for
 21.34 flooding, and improve access for recreation.

21.35 **(h) Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land**
 21.36 **Acquisition - Phase VI**

22.1 \$1,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund
22.2 to the Metropolitan Council for grants to
22.3 acquire land within the approved park
22.4 boundaries of the metropolitan regional park
22.5 system. This appropriation must be matched
22.6 by at least 40 percent of nonstate money.

22.7 **(i) Minnesota State Trails Development**

22.8 \$994,000 the second year is from the trust
22.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
22.10 to expand high-priority recreational
22.11 opportunities on Minnesota's state trails by
22.12 rehabilitating, improving, and enhancing
22.13 existing state trails. The high-priority trail
22.14 bridges to be rehabilitated or replaced under
22.15 this appropriation include, but are not limited
22.16 to, those on the Taconite, Great River Ridge,
22.17 and C. J. Ramstad/Northshore State Trails.

22.18 **(j) Elm Creek Restoration - Phase IV**

22.19 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
22.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
22.21 for an agreement with the city of Champlin to
22.22 conduct habitat and stream restoration of
22.23 approximately 0.7 miles of Elm Creek
22.24 shoreline above Mill Pond Lake and through
22.25 the Elm Creek Protection Area.

22.26 **(k) Superior Hiking Trail as Environmental**
22.27 **Showcase**

22.28 \$450,000 the second year is from the trust
22.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
22.30 for an agreement with the Superior Hiking
22.31 Trail Association to rebuild damaged and
22.32 dangerous segments and create a new trail
22.33 segment of the Superior Hiking Trail to
22.34 minimize environmental impacts, make the

23.1 trail safer for users, and make the trail more
 23.2 resilient for future use and conditions.

23.3 **(l) Upper St. Anthony Falls Enhancements**

23.4 \$2,800,000 the second year is from the trust
 23.5 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 23.6 for an agreement with the Friends of the Lock
 23.7 and Dam in partnership with the city of
 23.8 Minneapolis to design and install green
 23.9 infrastructure, public access, and habitat
 23.10 restorations on riverfront land at Upper St.
 23.11 Anthony Falls for water protection, recreation,
 23.12 and environmental education purposes. Of this
 23.13 amount, up to \$600,000 is for planning,
 23.14 design, and engagement. No funds from this
 23.15 appropriation may be spent until Congress
 23.16 directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to
 23.17 convey an interest in the Upper St. Anthony
 23.18 Falls property to the city of Minneapolis for
 23.19 use as a visitor center. After this congressional
 23.20 act is signed into law, up to \$100,000 of the
 23.21 planning, design, and engagement funds may
 23.22 be spent. The remaining planning, design, and
 23.23 engagement funds may be spent after a binding
 23.24 agreement has been secured to acquire the land
 23.25 or access and use rights to the land for at least
 23.26 25 years. Any remaining balance of the
 23.27 appropriation may be spent on installing
 23.28 enhancements after the Upper St. Anthony
 23.29 Falls land has been acquired by the city of
 23.30 Minneapolis.

23.31 **(m) Whiskey Creek and Mississippi River Water**
 23.32 **Quality, Habitat, and Recreation**

23.33 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
 23.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 23.35 for an agreement with the Mississippi

24.1 Headwaters Board to acquire and transfer
 24.2 approximately 13 acres of land to the city of
 24.3 Baxter for future construction of water quality,
 24.4 habitat, and recreational improvements to
 24.5 protect the Mississippi River.

24.6 **(n) Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail**
 24.7 **(West Segment)**

24.8 \$2,600,000 the second year is from the trust
 24.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 24.10 for an agreement with Otter Tail County to
 24.11 construct the west segment of the 32-mile
 24.12 Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that
 24.13 will connect the city of Pelican Rapids to
 24.14 Maplewood State Park.

24.15 **(o) Crow Wing County Community Natural**
 24.16 **Area Acquisition**

24.17 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust
 24.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 24.19 for an agreement with Crow Wing County to
 24.20 acquire approximately 65 acres of land
 24.21 adjacent to the historic fire tower property to
 24.22 allow for diverse recreational opportunities
 24.23 while protecting wildlife habitat and
 24.24 preventing forest fragmentation. Any revenue
 24.25 generated from selling products or assets
 24.26 developed or acquired with this appropriation
 24.27 must be repaid to the trust fund unless a plan
 24.28 is approved for reinvestment of income in the
 24.29 project as provided under Minnesota Statutes,
 24.30 section 116P.10.

24.31 **(p) Rocori Trail - Phase III**

24.32 \$1,200,000 the second year is from the trust
 24.33 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 24.34 for an agreement with the Rocori Trail
 24.35 Construction Board to design and construct

25.1 Phase III of the Rocori Trail along the old
25.2 Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor
25.3 between the cities of Cold Spring and
25.4 Rockville.

25.5 **(q) Mesabi Trail: New Trail and Additional**
25.6 **Funding**

25.7 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust
25.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
25.9 for an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake
25.10 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for
25.11 constructing the Mesabi Trail beginning at the
25.12 intersection of County Road 20 and Minnesota
25.13 State Highway 135 and terminating at 1st
25.14 Avenue North and 1st Street North in the city
25.15 of Biwabik in St. Louis County. This
25.16 appropriation may not be spent until all
25.17 Mesabi Trail projects funded with trust fund
25.18 appropriations before fiscal year 2020, with
25.19 the exception of the project funded under Laws
25.20 2017, chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 9,
25.21 paragraph (g), are completed.

25.22 **(r) Ranier Safe Harbor and Transient Dock on**
25.23 **Rainy Lake**

25.24 \$762,000 the second year is from the trust
25.25 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
25.26 for an agreement with the city of Ranier to
25.27 construct a dock that accommodates boats 26
25.28 feet or longer with the goal of increasing
25.29 public access for boat recreation on Rainy
25.30 Lake. Any revenue generated from selling
25.31 products or assets developed or acquired with
25.32 this appropriation must be repaid to the trust
25.33 fund unless a plan is approved for
25.34 reinvestment of income in the project as
25.35 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
25.36 116P.10.

26.1 **(s) Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park**
 26.2 **Campground and Visitor Center**

26.3 \$3,100,000 the second year is from the trust
 26.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 26.5 for an agreement with the town of Crane Lake
 26.6 to design and construct a new campground
 26.7 and to plan and preliminarily prepare a site
 26.8 for constructing a new Voyageurs National
 26.9 Park visitor center on land acquired for these
 26.10 purposes in Crane Lake. Any revenue
 26.11 generated from selling products or assets
 26.12 developed or acquired with this appropriation
 26.13 must be repaid to the trust fund unless a plan
 26.14 is approved for reinvestment of income in the
 26.15 project as provided under Minnesota Statutes,
 26.16 section 116P.10.

26.17 **(t) Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,**
 26.18 **and Education**

26.19 \$160,000 the second year is from the trust
 26.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 26.21 for an agreement with Chippewa County to
 26.22 acquire wetland and floodplain forest and
 26.23 abandoned gravel pits along the Minnesota
 26.24 River to provide water filtration, education,
 26.25 and recreational opportunities.

26.26 **(u) Sportsmen's Training and Developmental**
 26.27 **Learning Center**

26.28 \$85,000 the second year is from the trust fund
 26.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 26.30 an agreement with the Minnesota Forest Zone
 26.31 Trappers Association to complete a site
 26.32 evaluation and master plan for the Sportsmen's
 26.33 Training and Developmental Learning Center
 26.34 near Hibbing. Any revenue generated from
 26.35 selling products or assets developed or
 26.36 acquired with this appropriation must be

27.1 repaid to the trust fund unless a plan is
 27.2 approved for reinvestment of income in the
 27.3 project as provided under Minnesota Statutes,
 27.4 section 116P.10.

27.5 **Subd. 10. Contract**

27.6	<u>Agreement Reimbursement</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
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27.7 \$135,000 the second year is from the trust
 27.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources,
 27.9 at the direction of the Legislative-Citizen
 27.10 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for
 27.11 expenses incurred for preparing and
 27.12 administering contracts for the agreements
 27.13 specified in this section. The commissioner
 27.14 must provide documentation to the
 27.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 27.16 Resources on the expenditure of these funds.

27.17 **Subd. 11. Availability of Appropriations**

27.18 Money appropriated in this section may not
 27.19 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 27.20 related to and necessary for a specific
 27.21 appropriation and are specified in the work
 27.22 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen
 27.23 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money
 27.24 appropriated in this section must not be spent
 27.25 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead
 27.26 charges that are not directly related to and
 27.27 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs
 27.28 that are directly related to and necessary for
 27.29 an appropriation, including financial services,
 27.30 human resources, information services, rent,
 27.31 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can
 27.32 be clearly justified and individually
 27.33 documented specific to the appropriation's
 27.34 purpose and would not be generated by the
 27.35 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.

28.1 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars
28.2 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise
28.3 provided, the amounts in this section are
28.4 available until June 30, 2023, when projects
28.5 must be completed and final products
28.6 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the
28.7 appropriations in this section are available for
28.8 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract
28.9 for acquisition of the real property is entered
28.10 into before the expiration date of the
28.11 appropriation. If a project receives a federal
28.12 grant, the time period of the appropriation is
28.13 extended to equal the federal grant period.

28.14 **Subd. 12. Data Availability Requirements**

28.15 Data collected by the projects funded under
28.16 this section must conform to guidelines and
28.17 standards adopted by MN.IT Services. Spatial
28.18 data must also conform to additional
28.19 guidelines and standards designed to support
28.20 data coordination and distribution that have
28.21 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial
28.22 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial
28.23 data must be prepared as specified in the state's
28.24 geographic metadata guideline and must be
28.25 submitted to the Minnesota Geospatial
28.26 Information Office. All data must be
28.27 accessible and free to the public unless made
28.28 private under the Data Practices Act,
28.29 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the extent
28.30 practicable, summary data and results of
28.31 projects funded under this section should be
28.32 readily accessible on the Internet and
28.33 identified as having received funding from the
28.34 environment and natural resources trust fund.

29.1 **Subd. 13. Project Requirements**

29.2 (a) As a condition of accepting an
29.3 appropriation under this section, an agency or
29.4 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to
29.5 an agreement from an appropriation must
29.6 comply with paragraphs (b) to (l) and
29.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must
29.8 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual
29.9 progress reports in the form determined by the
29.10 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
29.11 Resources for any project funded in whole or
29.12 in part with funds from the appropriation.
29.13 Modifications to the approved work plan and
29.14 budget expenditures must be made through
29.15 the amendment process established by the
29.16 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
29.17 Resources.

29.18 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this
29.19 section that conducts a restoration using funds
29.20 appropriated in this section must use native
29.21 plant species according to the Board of Water
29.22 and Soil Resources' native vegetation
29.23 establishment and enhancement guidelines
29.24 and include an appropriate diversity of native
29.25 species selected to provide habitat for
29.26 pollinators throughout the growing season as
29.27 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
29.28 84.973.

29.29 (c) For all restorations conducted with money
29.30 appropriated under this section, a recipient
29.31 must prepare an ecological restoration and
29.32 management plan that, to the degree
29.33 practicable, is consistent with the
29.34 highest-quality conservation and ecological
29.35 goals for the restoration site. Consideration

30.1 should be given to soil, geology, topography,
30.2 and other relevant factors that would provide
30.3 the best chance for long-term success and
30.4 durability of the restoration project. The plan
30.5 must include the proposed timetable for
30.6 implementing the restoration, including site
30.7 preparation, establishment of diverse plant
30.8 species, maintenance, and additional
30.9 enhancement to establish the restoration;
30.10 identify long-term maintenance and
30.11 management needs of the restoration and how
30.12 the maintenance, management, and
30.13 enhancement will be financed; and take
30.14 advantage of the best-available science and
30.15 include innovative techniques to achieve the
30.16 best restoration.

30.17 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this
30.18 section for restoration activities must provide
30.19 an initial restoration evaluation at the
30.20 completion of the appropriation and an
30.21 evaluation three years after the completion of
30.22 the expenditure. Restorations must be
30.23 evaluated relative to the stated goals and
30.24 standards in the restoration plan, current
30.25 science, and, when applicable, the Board of
30.26 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
30.27 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
30.28 The evaluation must determine whether the
30.29 restorations are meeting planned goals,
30.30 identify any problems with implementing the
30.31 restorations, and, if necessary, give
30.32 recommendations on improving restorations.
30.33 The evaluation must be focused on improving
30.34 future restorations.

- 31.1 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects
31.2 funded with money appropriated in this section
31.3 must be on land permanently protected by a
31.4 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 31.5 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation
31.6 under this section must give consideration to
31.7 contracting with Conservation Corps
31.8 Minnesota for contract restoration and
31.9 enhancement services.
- 31.10 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
31.11 money appropriated under this section must:
- 31.12 (1) be permanent;
- 31.13 (2) specify the parties to an easement in the
31.14 easement;
- 31.15 (3) specify all of the provisions of an
31.16 agreement that are permanent;
- 31.17 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
31.18 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
31.19 electronic format at least ten business days
31.20 before closing;
- 31.21 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
31.22 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
31.23 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 31.24 (6) include requirements in the easement
31.25 document to protect the quantity and quality
31.26 of groundwater and surface water through
31.27 specific activities such as keeping water on
31.28 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
31.29 contaminant loading, and not permitting
31.30 artificial hydrological modifications.
- 31.31 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
31.32 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
31.33 this section must not agree to pay more than

32.1 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
32.2 of land using this money to complete the
32.3 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
32.4 to ten percent above the appraised value may
32.5 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
32.6 or in whole, using this money if permission is
32.7 received in advance of the purchase from the
32.8 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
32.9 Resources.

32.10 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in
32.11 land, a recipient of money appropriated under
32.12 this section must give priority to high-quality
32.13 natural resources or conservation lands that
32.14 provide natural buffers to water resources.

32.15 (j) For new lands acquired with money
32.16 appropriated under this section, a recipient
32.17 must prepare an ecological restoration and
32.18 management plan in compliance with
32.19 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for
32.20 implementation unless the work plan addresses
32.21 why a portion of the money is not necessary
32.22 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

32.23 (k) To ensure public accountability for using
32.24 public funds, a recipient of money
32.25 appropriated under this section must, within
32.26 60 days of the transaction, provide to the
32.27 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
32.28 Resources documentation of the selection
32.29 process used to identify parcels acquired and
32.30 provide documentation of all related
32.31 transaction costs, including but not limited to
32.32 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,
32.33 commissions, other similar costs, and
32.34 donations. This information must be provided
32.35 for all parties involved in the transaction. The

33.1 recipient must also report to the
 33.2 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 33.3 Resources any difference between the
 33.4 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the
 33.5 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if
 33.6 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal
 33.7 was conducted.

33.8 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the
 33.9 trust fund under this section must acknowledge
 33.10 financial support from the environment and
 33.11 natural resources trust fund in project
 33.12 publications, signage, and other public
 33.13 communications and outreach related to work
 33.14 completed using the appropriation.

33.15 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,
 33.16 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion
 33.17 of language attributing support from the trust
 33.18 fund. Each direct recipient of money
 33.19 appropriated in this section, as well as each
 33.20 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this
 33.21 section, must satisfy all reporting and other
 33.22 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally
 33.23 dedicated funding recipients as provided in
 33.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
 33.25 10, and chapter 116P.

33.26 **Subd. 14. Payment Conditions and**
 33.27 **Capital-Equipment Expenditures**

33.28 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts
 33.29 referred to in this section must be administered
 33.30 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise
 33.31 provided in this section. Notwithstanding
 33.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,
 33.33 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2020,
 33.34 or the date the work plan is approved,
 33.35 whichever is later, are eligible for

34.1 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
 34.2 this section. Periodic payments must be made
 34.3 upon receiving documentation that the
 34.4 deliverable items articulated in the approved
 34.5 work plan have been achieved, including
 34.6 partial achievements as evidenced by approved
 34.7 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be
 34.8 advanced to projects to accommodate
 34.9 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The
 34.10 advances must be approved as part of the work
 34.11 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment
 34.12 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the
 34.13 project work plan.

34.14 (b) Single-source contracts as specified in the
 34.15 approved work plan are allowed.

34.16 **Subd. 15. Purchasing Recycled and Recyclable**
 34.17 **Materials**

34.18 A political subdivision, public or private
 34.19 corporation, or other entity that receives an
 34.20 appropriation under this section must use the
 34.21 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota
 34.22 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding
 34.23 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable
 34.24 materials and Minnesota Statutes, section
 34.25 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using
 34.26 paper stock and printing.

34.27 **Subd. 16. Energy Conservation and Sustainable**
 34.28 **Building Guidelines**

34.29 A recipient to whom an appropriation is made
 34.30 under this section for a capital improvement
 34.31 project must ensure that the project complies
 34.32 with the applicable energy conservation and
 34.33 sustainable building guidelines and standards
 34.34 contained in law, including Minnesota
 34.35 Statutes, sections 16B.325, 216C.19, and

35.1 216C.20, and rules adopted under those
 35.2 sections. The recipient may use the energy
 35.3 planning, advocacy, and State Energy Office
 35.4 units of the Department of Commerce to
 35.5 obtain information and technical assistance
 35.6 on energy conservation and alternative-energy
 35.7 development relating to planning and
 35.8 constructing the capital improvement project.

35.9 **Subd. 17. Accessibility**

35.10 Structural and nonstructural facilities must
 35.11 meet the design standards in the Americans
 35.12 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
 35.13 guidelines.

35.14 **Subd. 18. Carryforward; Extension**

35.15 (a) The availability of the appropriations for
 35.16 the following projects is extended to June 30,
 35.17 2021:

35.18 (1) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
 35.19 subdivision 7, paragraph (e), Geotargeted
 35.20 Distributed Clean Energy Initiative;

35.21 (2) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
 35.22 subdivision 8, paragraph (a), Optimizing the
 35.23 Nutrition of Roadside Plants for Pollinators;

35.24 (3) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
 35.25 subdivision 8, paragraph (f), Prescribed-Fire
 35.26 Management for Roadside Prairies;

35.27 (4) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
 35.28 subdivision 8, paragraph (h), Mississippi and
 35.29 Vermillion Rivers Restoration of Prairie,
 35.30 Savanna, and Forest Habitat - Phase X;

35.31 (5) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
 35.32 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie
 35.33 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement

- 36.1 Acquisition, as amended by Laws 2019, First
36.2 Special Session chapter 4, article 2, section 4;
36.3 (6) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section
36.4 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Expanding the
36.5 State's Reuse Economy to Conserve Natural
36.6 Resources; and
36.7 (7) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section
36.8 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), Palmer
36.9 Amaranth Detection and Eradication
36.10 Continuation.
- 36.11 (b) The availability of the appropriations for
36.12 the following projects is extended to June 30,
36.13 2022:
- 36.14 (1) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
36.15 subdivision 8, paragraph (k), Conservation
36.16 Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
36.17 Outreach and Implementation; and
- 36.18 (2) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,
36.19 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), Tower Trailhead
36.20 Boat Landing and Habitat Improvement -
36.21 Phase II.
- 36.22 (c) The availability of the appropriations for
36.23 the following projects is extended to June 30,
36.24 2023:
- 36.25 (1) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section
36.26 2, subdivision 10, Emerging Issues Account;
36.27 and
- 36.28 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
36.29 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 8, paragraph
36.30 (f), Lawns to Legumes.
- 36.31 (d) The availability of the appropriation under
36.32 Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section 2,

37.1 subdivision 4, paragraph (1), Lake Agnes
 37.2 Treatment, is extended to June 30, 2024.

37.3 **Subd. 19. Cancellation**

37.4 The appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special
 37.5 Session chapter 4, article 2, section 2,
 37.6 subdivision 8, paragraph (c), Sauk River Dam
 37.7 Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement, is
 37.8 canceled.

37.9 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 2019, First
 37.10 Special Session chapter 4, article 2, section 4, is amended to read:

37.11	Subd. 9. Land Acquisition,			
37.12	Habitat, and Recreation	999,000	13,533,000	-0-

37.13 **(a) Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land**
 37.14 **Acquisition**

37.15 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 37.16 to the Metropolitan Council for grants to
 37.17 acquire approximately 70 acres of land within
 37.18 the approved park boundaries of the
 37.19 metropolitan regional park system. This
 37.20 appropriation may not be used to purchase
 37.21 habitable residential structures. A list of
 37.22 proposed fee title acquisitions must be
 37.23 provided as part of the required work plan.
 37.24 This appropriation must be matched by at least
 37.25 40 percent of nonstate money that must be
 37.26 committed by December 31, 2017. This
 37.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,
 37.28 by which time the project must be completed
 37.29 and final products delivered.

37.30 **(b) Scientific and Natural Areas Acquisition and**
 37.31 **Restoration, Citizen Science, and Engagement**

37.32 \$2,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 37.33 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 37.34 acquire land with high-quality native plant
 37.35 communities and rare features to be

38.1 established as scientific and natural areas as
38.2 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
38.3 86A.05, subdivision 5, restore and improve
38.4 scientific and natural areas, and provide
38.5 technical assistance and outreach, including
38.6 site steward events. At least one-third of the
38.7 appropriation must be spent on restoration
38.8 activities. A list of proposed acquisitions and
38.9 restorations must be provided as part of the
38.10 required work plan. Land acquired with this
38.11 appropriation must be sufficiently improved
38.12 to meet at least minimum management
38.13 standards, as determined by the commissioner
38.14 of natural resources. When feasible,
38.15 consideration must be given to accommodate
38.16 trails on lands acquired. This appropriation is
38.17 available until June 30, 2020, by which time
38.18 the project must be completed and final
38.19 products delivered.

38.20 **(c) Minnesota State Parks and State Trails Land**
38.21 **Acquisition**

38.22 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
38.23 to the commissioner of natural resources to
38.24 acquire approximately 373 acres from willing
38.25 sellers for authorized state trails and critical
38.26 parcels within the statutory boundaries of state
38.27 parks. State park land acquired with this
38.28 appropriation must be sufficiently improved
38.29 to meet at least minimum management
38.30 standards, as determined by the commissioner
38.31 of natural resources. A list of proposed
38.32 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
38.33 required work plan. This appropriation is
38.34 available until June 30, 2020, by which time
38.35 the project must be completed and final
38.36 products delivered.

39.1 **(d) Minnesota State Trails Acquisition,**
39.2 **Development, and Enhancement**

39.3 \$999,000 in fiscal year 2017 and \$39,000 the
39.4 first year are from the trust fund to the
39.5 commissioner of natural resources for state
39.6 trail acquisition, development, and
39.7 enhancement in southern Minnesota. A
39.8 proposed list of trail projects on authorized
39.9 state trails must be provided as part of the
39.10 required work plan. This appropriation is
39.11 available until June 30, 2020, by which time
39.12 the project must be completed and final
39.13 products delivered.

39.14 **(e) Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank**
39.15 **Easement Acquisition**

39.16 \$2,675,000 the first year is from the trust fund
39.17 to the commissioner of natural resources to
39.18 acquire native prairie bank easements in
39.19 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
39.20 84.96, on approximately 250 acres, prepare
39.21 baseline property assessments, restore and
39.22 enhance native prairie sites, and provide
39.23 technical assistance to landowners. Of this
39.24 amount, up to \$132,000 may be deposited in
39.25 a conservation easement stewardship account.
39.26 Deposits into the conservation easement
39.27 stewardship account must be made upon
39.28 closing on conservation easements or at a time
39.29 otherwise approved in the work plan. A list of
39.30 proposed easement acquisitions must be
39.31 provided as part of the required work plan.
39.32 This appropriation is available until June 30,
39.33 2020, by which time the project must be
39.34 completed and final products delivered.

39.35 **(f) Leech Lake Acquisition**

40.1 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
40.3 an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of
40.4 Ojibwe to acquire approximately 45 acres,
40.5 including 0.67 miles of shoreline of
40.6 high-quality aquatic and wildlife habitat at the
40.7 historic meeting place between Henry
40.8 Schoolcraft and the Anishinabe people. The
40.9 land must be open to public use including
40.10 hunting and fishing. The band must provide a
40.11 commitment that land will not be put in a
40.12 federal trust through the Bureau of Indian
40.13 Affairs.

40.14 **(g) Mesabi Trail Development**

40.15 \$2,269,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
40.17 an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake
40.18 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for
40.19 engineering and constructing segments of the
40.20 Mesabi Trail. This appropriation is available
40.21 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project
40.22 must be completed and final products
40.23 delivered.

40.24 **(h) Tower Trailhead Boat Landing and Habitat
40.25 Improvement - Phase II**

40.26 \$600,000 the first year is from the trust fund
40.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
40.28 an agreement with the city of Tower to
40.29 construct a trailhead, trail connection to the
40.30 Mesabi Trail, and boat landing and to restore
40.31 vegetative habitat on city-owned property.
40.32 Plant and seed materials must follow the Board
40.33 of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
40.34 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
40.35 This appropriation is available until June 30,

41.1 2020, by which time the project must be
41.2 completed and final products delivered.

41.3 **(i) Land Acquisition for Voyageurs National**
41.4 **Park Crane Lake Visitors Center**

41.5 \$950,000 the first year is from the trust fund
41.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
41.7 an agreement with the town of Crane Lake, in
41.8 partnership with Voyageurs National Park and
41.9 the Department of Natural Resources, to
41.10 acquire approximately 30 acres to be used for
41.11 a visitor center and campground. Income
41.12 generated by the campground may be used to
41.13 support the facility.

41.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.

41.15 Sec. 4. Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

41.16 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**
41.17 **Species**

-0- 5,760,000

41.18 **(a) Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and**
41.19 **Pests Center - Phase 4**

41.20 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust
41.21 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
41.22 of Minnesota for high-priority research at the
41.23 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center
41.24 to protect Minnesota's natural and agricultural
41.25 resources from terrestrial invasive plants,
41.26 pathogens, and pests as identified through the
41.27 center's strategic prioritization process. This
41.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023,
41.29 by which time the project must be completed
41.30 and final products delivered.

41.31 **(b) Palmer Amaranth Detection and Eradication**
41.32 **Continuation**

41.33 \$431,000 the second year is from the trust
41.34 fund to the commissioner of agriculture to

42.1 continue to monitor, ground survey, and
42.2 control Palmer amaranth and other prohibited
42.3 eradicate species of noxious weeds primarily
42.4 ~~in conservation plantings~~ natural areas and to
42.5 develop and implement aerial-survey methods
42.6 to prevent infestation and protect prairies,
42.7 other natural areas, and agricultural crops.

42.8 **(c) Evaluate Control Methods for Invasive**
42.9 **Hybrid Cattails**

42.10 \$131,000 the second year is from the trust
42.11 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
42.12 for an agreement with Voyageurs National
42.13 Park to evaluate the effectiveness of
42.14 mechanical harvesting and managing muskrat
42.15 populations to remove exotic hybrid cattails
42.16 and restore fish and wildlife habitat in
42.17 Minnesota wetlands. This appropriation is
42.18 available until June 30, 2021, by which time
42.19 the project must be completed and final
42.20 products delivered.

42.21 **(d) Developing RNA Interference to Control**
42.22 **Zebra Mussels**

42.23 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
42.24 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
42.25 for an agreement with the United States
42.26 Geological Survey to develop a genetic control
42.27 tool that exploits the natural process of RNA
42.28 silencing to specifically target and effectively
42.29 control zebra mussels without affecting other
42.30 species or causing other nontarget effects. This
42.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,
42.32 by which time the project must be completed
42.33 and final products delivered.

42.34 **(e) Install and Evaluate an Invasive Carp**
42.35 **Deterrent for Mississippi River Locks and Dams**

43.1 \$998,000 the second year is from the trust
43.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
43.3 of Minnesota in cooperation with the United
43.4 States Army Corps of Engineers and the
43.5 United States Fish and Wildlife Service to
43.6 install, evaluate, and optimize a system in
43.7 Mississippi River locks and dams to deter
43.8 passage of invasive carp without negatively
43.9 impacting native fish and to evaluate the
43.10 ability of predator fish in the pools above the
43.11 locks and dams to consume young carp. The
43.12 project must conduct a cost comparison of
43.13 equipment purchase versus lease options and
43.14 choose the most effective option. This
43.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,
43.16 by which time the project must be completed
43.17 and final products delivered.

43.18 **(f) Determining Risk of Toxic Alga in Minnesota**
43.19 **Lakes**

43.20 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust
43.21 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for
43.22 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
43.23 determine the historical distribution,
43.24 abundance, and toxicity of the invasive
43.25 blue-green alga, *Cylindrospermopsis*
43.26 *raciborskii*, in about 20 lakes across Minnesota
43.27 and inform managers and the public about the
43.28 alga's spread and health risks. This
43.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,
43.30 by which time the project must be completed
43.31 and final products delivered.