Overview

This bill appropriates a total of $192,000,000 from the bond proceeds fund to fund capital investments through the department of agriculture, board of water and soil resources, department of natural resources, pollution control agency, and public facilities authority.

1 **Title.** Provides that the act be cited as "Legacy 2000."

2 **Appropriations.** Appropriates $192,000,000 from bond proceeds for purposes in sections 3 to 7.

3 **Agriculture.** $10,000,000 for counties to purchase conservation easements. Requires local match and a county plan and program to protect agricultural land.

4 **Board of water and soil resources.** $55,000,000 total.
   - **Subd. 1. Watershed conservation easements.** $40,000,000 to match federal funds for permanent conservation easements within the Minnesota river watershed.
   - **Subd. 2. RIM - Conservation reserve program.** $10,000,000 to purchase easements.
   - **Subd. 3. Conservation programs.** $5,000,000 for a five-county pilot program to purchase conservation easements, to establish a cost share grant program to protect shoreland and riparian buffers.

5 **Department of natural resources.** $99,000,000 total.
   - **Subd. 1. Critical habitat match.** $3,000,000
   - **Subd. 2. Dam removal.** $1,000,000 - Cannon and Zumbro rivers.
   - **Subd. 3. Office development.** $11,000,000 - new facility in Fergus Falls, complete design for St. Cloud, and renovation of other facilities to meet federal law.
   - **Subd. 4. Aquatic management areas.** $2,000,000
   - **Subd. 5. Statewide greenways.** $2,000,000 - for outside seven-county metropolitan area.
   - **Subd. 6. Metro greenways.** $10,000,000
Subd. 7. **Metro trout streams.** $2,000,000 to fund local units of government in seven-county metro area to protect and restore trout streams.

Subd. 8. **Native prairie bank.** $2,000,000 to acquire conservation easements.

Subd. 9. **Red River initiative.** $9,500,000 to acquire conservation easements and restore natural resource habitats in the Red River watershed.

Subd. 10. **RIM fisheries.** $3,000,000

Subd. 11. **RIM wildlife.** $4,000,000

Subd. 12. **Scientific and natural areas.** $2,000,000

Subd. 13. **State forests.** $1,000,000 to acquire land from willing sellers within established boundaries of state forests; $500,000 to develop and improve recreation facilities; $700,000 for reforestation.

Subd. 14. **State parks.** $5,500,000 for existing state park buildings, based on the master plan and prioritized based on need; $500,000 for new buildings and associated utilities according to the master plan; $1,500,000 to upgrade and repair state park improvements; $2,500,000 for purchase from willing sellers of land within established boundaries of state parks and recreation areas.

Subd. 15. **State trails.** $3,000,000 to acquire and develop state trails, including completion of Paul Bunyon trail and construction of a section of the Gitchi-Gami.

Subd. 16. **Asset preservation.** $2,000,000 to bring facilities up to code.

Subd. 17. **Trust fund lands.** $1,000,000 to reimburse the permanent school fund for 150,000 acres of trust land designated for conservation purposes.

Subd. 18. **Local initiative grants.** $14,000,000 for grants for local parks and trails. Requires a local match. Breaks out to $8,000,000 for grants up to $500,000 each for natural and scenic areas; $2,000,000 for grants up to $250,000 each for outdoor recreation areas and facilities; $2,000,000 for grants up to $50,000 each for trails; $2,000,000 for new regional trails.

Subd. 19. **Metro regional park acquisition and betterment.** $11,000,000 for the metropolitan council for regional recreation open space according to the adopted policy plan.

Subd. 20. **Water access.** $1,000,000

Subd. 21. **Wildlife management areas.** $3,000,000

Subd. 22. **Cannon river link trail board.** $300,000 for a grant to the board to acquire land, plan, and administration of construction of the Mill Town trail, connecting the Cannon Valley trail to the Sakatah Singing Hills trail. Requires the board to seek federal and local funding.

Subd. 23. **Work program.** Requires the commissioner to submit a work program and semiannual progress report to the LCMR and seek its recommendations before spending any of the money appropriated in subdivisions 1 and 4 to 22. If LCMR fails to respond in 60 days, it is a positive recommendation.

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6 **Pollution control agency.** $2,000,000 for clean water partnership assistance to local governments to protect surface and ground water from nonpoint pollution.

7 **Public facilities authority.** $26,000,000 for wastewater infrastructure funding. Requires funds to go first to match USDA rural development projects and gives priority to multi-jurisdictional projects connecting areas with failing on-site treatment systems (septic tanks) to existing wastewater treatment systems (sewers and treatment plants).

8 **Bond sale.** Authorizes the bond sale.

9 **Effective date.** Day after enactment.