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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/19/2023	301	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
02/16/2023		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; appropriating money from environment and natural

1.3 resources trust fund; modifying reporting requirements; modifying capital

1.4 construction requirements; modifying prior appropriations; amending Minnesota

1.5 Statutes 2022, sections 116P.15; 116P.16; Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,

1.6 subdivisions 5, 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter

1.7 116P.

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

1.9 **ARTICLE 1**

1.10 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

1.11 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.12 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.13 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the environment

1.14 and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal

1.15 years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean

1.16 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1.17 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year"

1.18 is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Any unencumbered

1.19 balance remaining in the first year does not cancel and is available for the second year or

1.20 until the end of the appropriation. These are onetime appropriations.

1.21	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.22	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.23	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.24	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

1.25 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>79,833,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>
2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>					
2.3		<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>		
2.4	<u>Environment and</u>					
2.5	<u>Natural Resources</u>					
2.6	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>79,644,000</u>				<u>-0-</u>
2.7	<u>Great Lakes</u>					
2.8	<u>Protection Account</u>	<u>189,000</u>				<u>-0-</u>
2.9	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>					
2.10	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>					
2.11	<u>subdivisions.</u>					
2.12	<u>Subd. 2. Definitions</u>					
2.13	<u>(a) "Trust fund" means the Minnesota</u>					
2.14	<u>environment and natural resources trust fund</u>					
2.15	<u>established under the Minnesota Constitution,</u>					
2.16	<u>article XI, section 14.</u>					
2.17	<u>(b) "Great Lakes protection account" means</u>					
2.18	<u>the account referred to in Minnesota Statutes,</u>					
2.19	<u>section 116Q.02.</u>					
2.20	<u>Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data</u>					
2.21	<u>and Information</u>				<u>8,219,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
2.22	<u>(a) Assessing Restorations for Rusty-Patched</u>					
2.23	<u>and Other Bumblebee Habitat</u>					
2.24	<u>\$75,000 the first year is from the trust fund to</u>					
2.25	<u>the commissioner of natural resources for an</u>					
2.26	<u>agreement with the Friends of the Mississippi</u>					
2.27	<u>River to assess how prairie restoration and</u>					
2.28	<u>different restoration seeding methods affect</u>					
2.29	<u>bumblebee abundance, diversity, and habitat</u>					
2.30	<u>and make recommendations to improve</u>					
2.31	<u>restoration outcomes.</u>					
2.32	<u>(b) Removing Barriers to Carbon Market Entry</u>					
2.33	<u>\$482,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>					
2.34	<u>to the Board of Regents of the University of</u>					
2.35	<u>Minnesota to develop ground-tested carbon</u>					

3.1 stock models of forest resources throughout
3.2 Minnesota to enable better resource
3.3 management of public and private forests as
3.4 well as generate reliable tools for landowners
3.5 seeking to enter carbon markets.

3.6 **(c) Mapping Migratory Bird Pitstops in**
3.7 **Minnesota**

3.8 \$340,000 the first year is from the trust fund
3.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for
3.10 an agreement with the National Audubon
3.11 Society, Minnesota office, to identify avian
3.12 migratory stopover sites, develop a shared
3.13 decision-support tool, and publish guidance
3.14 for conserving migratory birds in Minnesota.
3.15 This appropriation is available until June 30,
3.16 2027, by which time the project must be
3.17 completed and final products delivered.

3.18 **(d) Enhancing Knowledge of Minnesota River**
3.19 **Fish Ecology**

3.20 \$199,000 the first year is from the trust fund
3.21 to the commissioner of natural resources to
3.22 collect baseline information about the diets,
3.23 distribution, status, and movement patterns of
3.24 fish in the Minnesota River to inform
3.25 management and conservation decisions.

3.26 **(e) Changing Distribution of Flying Squirrel**
3.27 **Species in Minnesota**

3.28 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund
3.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
3.30 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
3.31 Institute in Duluth to determine current
3.32 distribution and habitat associations of
3.33 northern and southern flying squirrels to fill
3.34 key knowledge gaps in flying squirrel status
3.35 in Minnesota.

4.1 **(f) Statewide Forest Carbon Inventory and**
4.2 **Change Mapping**

4.3 \$987,000 the first year is from the trust fund
4.4 to the commissioner of natural resources to
4.5 work with Minnesota Forest Resources
4.6 Council, Minnesota Forestry Association, the
4.7 Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the
4.8 University of Minnesota to develop a
4.9 programmatic approach and begin collecting
4.10 plot-based inventories on private forestland
4.11 for use with remote sensing data to better
4.12 assess changing forest conditions and climate
4.13 mitigation opportunities across all ownerships
4.14 in the state.

4.15 **(g) Predicting the Future of Aquatic Species by**
4.16 **Understanding the Past**

4.17 \$170,000 the first year is from the trust fund
4.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of
4.19 Minnesota to use past and present information
4.20 to model future ranges of native aquatic
4.21 species in Minnesota to generate publicly
4.22 available tools for species and habitat
4.23 management.

4.24 **(h) Assessing Status of Common Tern**
4.25 **Populations in Minnesota**

4.26 \$199,000 the first year is from the trust fund
4.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of
4.28 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
4.29 Institute in Duluth to assess the population
4.30 status of Common Tern breeding colonies in
4.31 Minnesota, implement management activities,
4.32 and develop a standardized monitoring
4.33 protocol and online database for accessing
4.34 current and historic monitoring data to help
4.35 prioritize conservation and restoration actions
4.36 for this state-threatened species.

5.1 **(i) Salvaged Wildlife to Inform Environmental**
5.2 **Health, Ecology, and Education**

5.3 \$486,000 the first year is from the trust fund
5.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of
5.5 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,
5.6 to establish a statewide network to collect,
5.7 analyze, and archive salvaged dead wildlife
5.8 and build a foundation of biodiversity
5.9 resources to track ecosystem-wide changes,
5.10 monitor environmental health, and educate
5.11 Minnesotans about the value of scientific
5.12 specimens.

5.13 **(j) Developing Conservation Priorities for Rare**
5.14 **and Specialist Bees**

5.15 \$619,000 the first year is from the trust fund
5.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
5.17 Minnesota to collect data on rare and specialist
5.18 bees and their habitat preferences, determine
5.19 their conservation status, and develop
5.20 strategies to improve their chances of survival.

5.21 **(k) Efficacy of Urban Archery Hunting to**
5.22 **Manage Deer**

5.23 \$393,000 the first year is from the trust fund
5.24 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota
5.25 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji
5.26 State University to conduct an analysis of deer
5.27 survival, habitat use, and hunter data in the
5.28 city of Bemidji to improve special archery
5.29 hunt management practices in urban areas of
5.30 the state.

5.31 **(l) Mapping the Ecology of Urban and Rural**
5.32 **Canids**

5.33 \$601,000 the first year is from the trust fund
5.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of
5.35 Minnesota to determine how disease

6.1 prevalence, diet, habitat use, and interspecies
6.2 interactions of coyotes and foxes change from
6.3 urban to rural areas along the Mississippi
6.4 River corridor.

6.5 **(m) Maximizing Lowland Conifer Ecosystem**
6.6 **Services - Phase II**

6.7 \$482,000 the first year is from the trust fund
6.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of
6.9 Minnesota to continue monitoring forested
6.10 peatland hydrology and wildlife, conduct new
6.11 wildlife and habitat surveys, and quantify
6.12 carbon storage to provide support for
6.13 management decisions.

6.14 **(n) Modernizing Minnesota's Wildlife (and**
6.15 **Plant) Action Plan**

6.16 \$889,000 the first year is from the trust fund
6.17 to the commissioner of natural resources to
6.18 modernize the Minnesota Wildlife Action Plan
6.19 by filling critical data gaps, including adding
6.20 rare plants to the plan, and standardizing
6.21 conservation status assessment methods to
6.22 ensure Minnesota's natural heritage is
6.23 protected into the future.

6.24 **(o) Linking Breeding and Migratory Bird**
6.25 **Populations in Minnesota**

6.26 \$199,000 the first year is from the trust fund
6.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for
6.28 an agreement with Hawk Ridge Bird
6.29 Observatory to map year-round habitat use of
6.30 understudied bird species of special
6.31 conservation concern and evaluate areas with
6.32 the greatest risk of contaminant exposure.

6.33 **(p) Old Growth Forest Monitoring**

6.34 \$441,000 the first year is from the trust fund
6.35 to the commissioner of natural resources to

7.1 establish baseline conditions and develop a
7.2 cost-effective method to monitor
7.3 approximately 93,000 acres of old growth
7.4 forest in Minnesota to ensure that these rare
7.5 and important forest resources are properly
7.6 protected.

7.7 **(q) Integrating Remotely Sensed Data with**
7.8 **Traditional Forest Inventory**

7.9 \$191,000 the first year is from the trust fund
7.10 to the Board of Regents of the University of
7.11 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research
7.12 Institute in Duluth to calibrate and optimize
7.13 the use of LiDAR for forest inventory
7.14 purposes and estimate stand-level forest
7.15 resource metrics in northeastern Minnesota so
7.16 ecosystem services can be better considered
7.17 in management decisions.

7.18 **(r) Community Response Monitoring for**
7.19 **Adaptive Management in Southeast Minnesota**

7.20 \$483,000 the first year is from the trust fund
7.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
7.22 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy
7.23 to assess community-level plant and animal
7.24 responses to past restoration efforts in select
7.25 southeast Minnesota conservation focus areas
7.26 to determine if management outcomes are
7.27 being achieved.

7.28 **(s) Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas - Phase III**

7.29 \$797,000 the first year is from the trust fund
7.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of
7.31 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,
7.32 to expand the Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas
7.33 to include more than 2,000,000 records and
7.34 images of Minnesota wildlife, plants, and
7.35 fungi by adding insect specimens, collections

8.1 from new partners, historical data, and
 8.2 repatriating records of Minnesota's
 8.3 biodiversity that exist in various federal
 8.4 institutions.

8.5 **Subd. 4. Water Resources** 8,328,000 -0-

8.6 Appropriations by Fund

8.7 Environment and
 8.8 Natural Resources

8.9 Trust Fund 8,139,000 -0-

8.10 Great Lakes

8.11 Protection Account 189,000 -0-

8.12 **(a) Ditching Delinquent Ditches: Optimizing**
 8.13 **Wetland Restoration**

8.14 \$199,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 8.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 8.16 Minnesota to use new techniques to identify
 8.17 and rank areas statewide where targeted
 8.18 removal of poorly functioning drainage ditches
 8.19 and restoration to wetlands can provide
 8.20 maximum human and ecological benefits,
 8.21 including aquifer recharge and flood
 8.22 prevention.

8.23 **(b) Assessment of Red River Basin Project**
 8.24 **Outcomes**

8.25 \$920,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 8.26 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 8.27 an agreement with Red River Watershed
 8.28 Management Board acting as fiscal agent for
 8.29 the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction
 8.30 Work Group to plan and implement
 8.31 multiresource monitoring at flood damage
 8.32 reduction and natural resource enhancement
 8.33 projects across the Red River Basin to evaluate
 8.34 outcomes and improve design of future
 8.35 projects at a regional scale. This appropriation
 8.36 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time

9.1 the project must be completed and final
9.2 products delivered.

9.3 **(c) Wind Wave and Boating Impacts on Inland**
9.4 **Lakes**

9.5 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund
9.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of
9.7 Minnesota for the St. Anthony Falls
9.8 Laboratory to conduct a field study to measure
9.9 the impacts of boat propeller wash and boat
9.10 wakes on lake bottoms, shorelines, and water
9.11 quality compared to the impacts of
9.12 wind-generated waves.

9.13 **(d) Finding, Capturing, and Destroying PFAS**
9.14 **in Minnesota Waters**

9.15 \$478,000 the first year is from the trust fund
9.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
9.17 Minnesota to develop novel methods for the
9.18 detection, sequestration, and degradation of
9.19 poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
9.20 in Minnesota's lakes and rivers.

9.21 **(e) Sinking and Suspended Microplastic**
9.22 **Particles in Lake Superior**

9.23 \$412,000 the first year is to the Board of
9.24 Regents of the University of Minnesota for
9.25 the Large Lakes Observatory in Duluth to
9.26 investigate the abundance, characteristics, and
9.27 fate of microplastic particles in Lake Superior
9.28 to inform remediation strategies and analyses
9.29 of environmental impacts. Of this amount,
9.30 \$189,000 is from the Great Lakes protection
9.31 account and \$223,000 is from the trust fund.
9.32 These appropriations may also be used to
9.33 educate the public about the research
9.34 conducted with this appropriation.

10.1 **(f) Ecotoxicological Impacts of Quinone Outside**
10.2 **Inhibitor (QoI) Fungicides**

10.3 \$279,000 the first year is from the trust fund
10.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for
10.5 an agreement with the University of St.
10.6 Thomas to assess the ecological hazards
10.7 associated with QoI fungicides and their major
10.8 environmental transformation products.

10.9 **(g) Brightsdale Dam Channel Restoration**

10.10 \$1,004,000 the first year is from the trust fund
10.11 to the commissioner of natural resources for
10.12 an agreement with Fillmore County Soil and
10.13 Water Conservation District to reduce
10.14 sedimentation and improve aquatic habitat by
10.15 restoring a channel of the north branch of the
10.16 Root River at the site of a failed hydroelectric
10.17 power dam that was removed in 2003.

10.18 **(h) Mapping Aquifer Recharge Potential**

10.19 \$391,000 the first year is from the trust fund
10.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of
10.21 Minnesota for the St. Anthony Falls
10.22 Laboratory to partner with the Freshwater
10.23 Society to develop a practical tool for mapping
10.24 aquifer recharge potential, demonstrate the
10.25 tool with laboratory and field tests, use the
10.26 tool to evaluate recharge potential of several
10.27 aquifers in Minnesota, and analyze aquifer
10.28 recharge policy.

10.29 **(i) ALASD's Chloride Source Reduction Pilot**
10.30 **Program**

10.31 \$764,000 the first year is from the trust fund
10.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
10.33 an agreement with Alexandria Lake Area
10.34 Sanitary District (ALASD) to coordinate with
10.35 Douglas County and the Pollution Control

11.1 Agency to pilot an incentive program for
 11.2 residences and businesses to install
 11.3 high-efficiency water softeners, salt-free
 11.4 systems, or softener discharge disposal
 11.5 systems to reduce the annual salt load to Lake
 11.6 Winona and downstream waters. The pilot
 11.7 program includes rebates, inspections,
 11.8 community education, and water quality
 11.9 monitoring to measure chloride reduction
 11.10 success. This appropriation is available until
 11.11 June 30, 2027, by which time the project must
 11.12 be completed and final products delivered.

11.13 **(j) Removing CECs from Stormwater with**
 11.14 **Biofiltration**

11.15 \$641,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 11.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 11.17 Minnesota for the St. Anthony Falls
 11.18 Laboratory to develop a treatment practice
 11.19 design using biofiltration media to remove
 11.20 contaminants of emerging concern (CECs)
 11.21 from stormwater runoff and to provide
 11.22 statewide stormwater management guidance.

11.23 **(k) Didymo II The North Shore Threat**
 11.24 **Continues**

11.25 \$394,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 11.26 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the
 11.27 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to
 11.28 identify North Shore streams with didymo,
 11.29 determine the risk of invasion to other streams,
 11.30 document didymo impacts to stream
 11.31 functioning, and develop strategies to prevent
 11.32 further spread of didymo.

11.33 **(l) Leveraging Data Analytics Innovations for**
 11.34 **Watershed District Planning**

12.1 \$738,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 12.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 12.3 an agreement with Minnehaha Creek
 12.4 Watershed District to integrate local and
 12.5 statewide data sets into a high-resolution
 12.6 planning tool that forecasts the impacts of
 12.7 changing precipitation patterns and
 12.8 quantitatively compares cost effectiveness and
 12.9 outcomes for water quality, ecological
 12.10 integrity, and flood prevention projects in the
 12.11 district. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
 12.12 may license third parties to use products
 12.13 developed with this appropriation without
 12.14 further approval from the legislature or the
 12.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 12.16 Resources, provided the licensing does not
 12.17 generate income. This appropriation is subject
 12.18 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

12.19 **(m) Protecting Water in the Central Sands**
 12.20 **Region of the Mississippi River Headwaters**

12.21 \$1,693,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 12.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 12.23 an agreement with the White Earth Band of
 12.24 Minnesota Chippewa Indians to assess
 12.25 aggregate irrigation impacts on water quality
 12.26 and quantity in the Pineland Sands region of
 12.27 the state.

12.28 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education**

3,905,000

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12.29 **(a) Fostering Conservation by Connecting**
 12.30 **Students to the BWCA**

12.31 \$1,080,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 12.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 12.33 an agreement with the Friends of the Boundary
 12.34 Waters Wilderness to connect Minnesota
 12.35 youth to the Boundary Waters through

13.1 environmental education, experiential learning,
 13.2 and wilderness canoe trips.

13.3 **(b) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**
 13.4 **Outdoor Series**

13.5 \$391,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 13.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 13.7 an agreement with Pioneer Public
 13.8 Broadcasting Service to produce new episodes
 13.9 of a statewide public television series and an
 13.10 educational web page designed to inspire
 13.11 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and
 13.12 to restore and protect the state's natural
 13.13 resources.

13.14 **(c) Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
 13.15 **Careers**

13.16 \$763,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 13.17 to the commissioner of natural resources in
 13.18 cooperation with Conservation Corps
 13.19 Minnesota and Iowa to ensure a stable and
 13.20 prepared natural resources work force in
 13.21 Minnesota by encouraging a diversity of
 13.22 students to pursue careers in environment and
 13.23 natural resources through internships,
 13.24 mentorships, and fellowships with the
 13.25 Department of Natural Resources, the Board
 13.26 of Water and Soil Resources, and the Pollution
 13.27 Control Agency. This appropriation is
 13.28 available until June 30, 2028, by which time
 13.29 the project must be completed and final
 13.30 products delivered.

13.31 **(d) Reducing Biophobia & Fostering**
 13.32 **Environmental Stewardship in Underserved**
 13.33 **Schools**

13.34 \$180,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 13.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 13.36 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to foster

14.1 long-lasting environmental stewardship and
 14.2 literacy in Minnesota youth in underserved
 14.3 schools by providing engaging, multiunit,
 14.4 standards-based environmental programming
 14.5 featuring positive interactions with raptors and
 14.6 evaluating program effectiveness and areas
 14.7 for improvement.

14.8 **(e) Sharing Minnesota's Biggest Environmental**
 14.9 **Investment**

14.10 \$628,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 14.11 to the Science Museum of Minnesota, in
 14.12 coordination with the Legislative-Citizen
 14.13 Commission on Minnesota Resources
 14.14 (LCCMR), to increase public access to the
 14.15 results of LCCMR-recommended research,
 14.16 including through a free online interactive
 14.17 map, in-depth videos, and public events.

14.18 **(f) North Shore Private Forestry Outreach and**
 14.19 **Implementation**

14.20 \$375,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 14.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 14.22 an agreement with Sugarloaf: The North Shore
 14.23 Stewardship Association to conduct outreach
 14.24 to private forest landowners, develop site
 14.25 restoration plans, and connect landowners with
 14.26 restoration assistance to encourage private
 14.27 forest restoration and improve the ecological
 14.28 health of Minnesota's North Shore forest
 14.29 landscape.

14.30 **(g) Teaching Students about Watersheds**
 14.31 **through Outdoor Science**

14.32 \$290,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 14.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 14.34 an agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 14.35 to engage students in classroom and outdoor

15.1 hands-on learning focused on water quality,
 15.2 groundwater, aquatic life, and watershed
 15.3 stewardship and provide youth and their
 15.4 families with fishing experiences to further
 15.5 foster a conservation ethic.

15.6 **(h) Bioblitz Urban Parks: Engaging**
 15.7 **Communities in Scientific Efforts**

15.8 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 15.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 15.10 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 15.11 Recreation Board to work with volunteers to
 15.12 collect baseline biodiversity data for
 15.13 neighborhood and regional parks to inspire
 15.14 stewardship and inform habitat restoration
 15.15 work.

15.16 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**
 15.17 **Species**

5,104,000

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15.18 **(a) Northward Expansion of Ecologically**
 15.19 **Damaging Amphibians and Reptiles**

15.20 \$163,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 15.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 15.22 Minnesota to assess the distribution and
 15.23 potential for expansion of key detrimental and
 15.24 nonnative amphibians and reptiles in
 15.25 Minnesota.

15.26 **(b) Developing Research-Based Solutions to**
 15.27 **Minnesota's AIS Problems**

15.28 \$4,941,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 15.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 15.30 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive
 15.31 Species Research Center to conduct
 15.32 high-priority projects aimed at solving
 15.33 Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems
 15.34 using rigorous science and a collaborative
 15.35 process. Additionally, funds may be spent to

16.1 deliver research findings to end users through
 16.2 strategic communication and outreach. This
 16.3 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 16.4 section 116P.10. This appropriation is
 16.5 available until June 30, 2027, by which time
 16.6 the project must be completed and final
 16.7 products delivered.

16.8 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and**
 16.9 **Renewable Energy**

3,913,000

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16.10 **(a) Community Forestry AmeriCorps**

16.11 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 16.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 16.13 an agreement with ServeMinnesota to preserve
 16.14 and increase tree canopy throughout the state
 16.15 by training, supporting, and deploying
 16.16 AmeriCorps members to local agencies and
 16.17 nonprofit organizations to plant and inventory
 16.18 trees, develop and implement pest
 16.19 management plans, create and maintain
 16.20 nursery beds for replacement trees, and
 16.21 organize opportunities for community
 16.22 engagement in tree stewardship activities.

16.23 **(b) Biochar Implementation in Habitat**
 16.24 **Restoration: A Pilot**

16.25 \$185,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 16.26 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 16.27 an agreement with Great River Greening to
 16.28 pilot the use of portable biochar kilns as an
 16.29 alternative to open-pile burning of trees and
 16.30 shrubs to reduce smoke and carbon emissions
 16.31 and produce beneficial by-products from
 16.32 invasive species removal and land restoration
 16.33 efforts.

16.34 **(c) Completing Installment of the Minnesota**
 16.35 **Ecological Monitoring Network**

17.1 \$1,094,000 the first year is from the trust fund
17.2 to the commissioner of natural resources to
17.3 improve conservation and management of
17.4 Minnesota's native forests, wetlands, and
17.5 grasslands by completing the Ecological
17.6 Monitoring Network to measure ecosystems'
17.7 change through time.

17.8 **(d) Lichens as Low-Cost Air Quality Monitors**
17.9 **in Minnesota**

17.10 \$341,000 the first year is from the trust fund
17.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of
17.12 Minnesota to develop community science
17.13 protocols for using lichens as indicators of air
17.14 quality and conduct an analysis of air pollution
17.15 changes across Minnesota in the present and
17.16 in the past century.

17.17 **(e) Environment-Friendly Decarbonizing of Steel**
17.18 **Production with Hydrogen Plasma**

17.19 \$739,000 the first year is from the trust fund
17.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of
17.21 Minnesota to investigate the use of microwave
17.22 hydrogen plasma to reduce fossil fuel use,
17.23 carbon dioxide emissions, and waste and
17.24 enable the use of alternative iron resources,
17.25 including lower quality iron ores, tailings, and
17.26 iron ore waste piles, in the iron-making
17.27 industry. This appropriation is subject to
17.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

17.29 **(f) Economic Analysis Guide for Minnesota**
17.30 **Climate Investments**

17.31 \$54,000 the first year is from the trust fund to
17.32 the commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution
17.33 Control Agency to create a guide that will
17.34 incorporate nation-wide best practices for

18.1 considering costs, benefits, economics, and
 18.2 equity in Minnesota climate policy decisions.

18.3 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**
 18.4 **Water, and Habitat**

15,997,000

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18.5 **(a) Minnesota Bee and Beneficial Species Habitat**
 18.6 **Enhancement II**

18.7 \$876,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 18.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 18.9 an agreement with Pheasants Forever Inc. to
 18.10 enhance grassland habitats to benefit
 18.11 pollinators and other wildlife species on
 18.12 permanently protected lands and to collaborate
 18.13 with the University of Minnesota to determine
 18.14 best practices for seeding timing and
 18.15 techniques.

18.16 **(b) Karner Blue Butterfly Insurance Population**
 18.17 **Establishment in Minnesota**

18.18 \$405,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 18.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 18.20 an agreement with the Three Rivers Park
 18.21 District to establish a breeding population of
 18.22 the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly
 18.23 on protected lands within the butterfly's
 18.24 northern expanding range, increase the habitat
 18.25 area, and evaluate the butterfly establishment
 18.26 effort to assist with adaptive management.
 18.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 18.28 2027, by which time the project must be
 18.29 completed and final products delivered.

18.30 **(c) Root River Habitat Restoration at Eagle**
 18.31 **Bluff**

18.32 \$866,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 18.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 18.34 an agreement with Eagle Bluff Environmental
 18.35 Learning Center to restore habitat in and

19.1 alongside the Root River north of Lanesboro,
 19.2 Minnesota, and to conduct monitoring to
 19.3 ensure water quality and fish population
 19.4 improvements are achieved. This appropriation
 19.5 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time
 19.6 the project must be completed and final
 19.7 products delivered.

19.8 **(d) Restoring Mussels in Streams and Lakes -**
 19.9 **Continuation**

19.10 \$825,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 19.11 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 19.12 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater
 19.13 mussel assemblages and the ecosystem
 19.14 services they provide in the Mississippi,
 19.15 Cedar, and Cannon Rivers; to evaluate
 19.16 reintroduction success; and to inform the
 19.17 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

19.18 **(e) Minnesota Million: Seedlings for**
 19.19 **Reforestation and CO₂ Sequestration**

19.20 \$906,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 19.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 19.22 Minnesota, Duluth, to collaborate with The
 19.23 Nature Conservancy and Minnesota Extension
 19.24 to expand networks of seed collectors and tree
 19.25 growers and to research tree planting strategies
 19.26 to accelerate reforestation for carbon
 19.27 sequestration, wildlife habitat, and watershed
 19.28 resilience.

19.29 **(f) Panoway on Wayzata Bay Shoreline**
 19.30 **Restoration Project**

19.31 \$200,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 19.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 19.33 an agreement with the city of Wayzata to
 19.34 restore native lake bottom and shoreline
 19.35 vegetation to improve shoreline stability,

20.1 wildlife habitat, and the natural beauty of Lake
 20.2 Minnetonka's Wayzata Bay. The recipient
 20.3 must report to the Legislative-Citizen
 20.4 Commission on Minnesota Resources on the
 20.5 effectiveness of any new methods tested while
 20.6 conducting the project and may use a portion
 20.7 of the appropriation to prepare that report.

20.8 **(g) Pollinator Central III: Habitat Improvement**
 20.9 **with Community Monitoring**

20.10 \$190,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 20.11 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 20.12 an agreement with Great River Greening to
 20.13 restore and enhance pollinator habitat in parks,
 20.14 schools, and other public spaces to benefit
 20.15 pollinators and people and to build knowledge
 20.16 about impacts of the pollinator plantings
 20.17 through community-based monitoring.

20.18 **(h) Restoring Forests and Savannas Using**
 20.19 **Silvopasture - Phase II**

20.20 \$674,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 20.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 20.22 an agreement with Great River Greening to
 20.23 continue to partner with the University of
 20.24 Minnesota and the Sustainable Farming
 20.25 Association to demonstrate, evaluate, and
 20.26 increase adoption of the combined use of
 20.27 intensive tree, forage, and grazing as a method
 20.28 to restore and manage forest and savanna
 20.29 habitats.

20.30 **(i) Minnesota Community Schoolyards**

20.31 \$1,433,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 20.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 20.33 an agreement with The Trust for Public Land
 20.34 to engage students and communities to create
 20.35 nature-focused habitat improvements at

- 21.1 schoolyards across the state to increase
 21.2 environmental outcomes and encourage
 21.3 outdoor learning.
- 21.4 **(j) Pollinator Enhancement and Mississippi**
 21.5 **River Shoreline Restoration**
- 21.6 \$187,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 21.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 21.8 an agreement with the Department of Military
 21.9 Affairs to restore native prairie, support
 21.10 pollinator plantings, and stabilize a large
 21.11 section of stream bank along the Mississippi
 21.12 River within Camp Ripley.
- 21.13 **(k) Conservation Cooperative for Working**
 21.14 **Lands**
- 21.15 \$2,611,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 21.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 21.17 an agreement with Pheasants Forever Inc. to
 21.18 collaborate with Natural Resources
 21.19 Conservation Service, Board of Water and
 21.20 Soil Resources, and Minnesota Association
 21.21 of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to
 21.22 accelerate adoption of voluntary conservation
 21.23 practices on working lands in Minnesota by
 21.24 increasing technical assistance to farmers and
 21.25 landowners while also attracting federal
 21.26 matching funds.
- 21.27 **(l) Quantifying Environmental Benefits of**
 21.28 **Peatland Restoration in Minnesota**
- 21.29 \$754,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 21.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of
 21.31 Minnesota to quantify the capacity of restored
 21.32 peatlands to store and accumulate atmospheric
 21.33 carbon and prevent release of accumulated
 21.34 mercury into the surrounding environment.
 21.35 This appropriation is available until June 30,

22.1 2027, by which time the project must be
 22.2 completed and final products delivered.

22.3 **(m) Renewing Access to an Iconic North Shore**
 22.4 **Vista**

22.5 \$197,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 22.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 22.7 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail
 22.8 Association to use national trail design best
 22.9 practices to renew trails and a campground
 22.10 along the Bean and Bear Lakes section of the
 22.11 Superior Hiking Trail that provides access to
 22.12 one of Minnesota's most iconic vistas.

22.13 **(n) Addressing Erosion Along High Use River**
 22.14 **Loops**

22.15 \$368,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 22.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 22.17 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail
 22.18 Association to rehabilitate and renew popular
 22.19 river loops of the Superior Hiking Trail to
 22.20 withstand high visitor use and serve
 22.21 Minnesotans for years to come.

22.22 **(o) Pollinator Habitat Creation at Minnesota**
 22.23 **Closed Landfills**

22.24 \$1,508,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 22.25 to the commissioner of the Minnesota
 22.26 Pollution Control Agency to conduct a pilot
 22.27 project to create pollinator habitat at closed
 22.28 landfill sites in the closed landfill program.
 22.29 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 22.30 2027, by which time the project must be
 22.31 completed and final products delivered.

22.32 **(p) Enhancing Habitat Connectivity within the**
 22.33 **Urban Mississippi Flyway**

22.34 \$190,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 22.35 to the commissioner of natural resources for

23.1 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 23.2 Recreation Board to enhance and restore
 23.3 habitat in and between urban neighborhood
 23.4 parks and the Mississippi River to benefit
 23.5 animals, plants, and neighborhoods
 23.6 traditionally disconnected from nature and to
 23.7 raise awareness of the Mississippi River
 23.8 Flyway.

23.9 **(q) Statewide Diversion of Furniture and**
 23.10 **Mattress Waste Pilots**

23.11 \$2,833,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 23.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 23.13 an agreement with EMERGE Community
 23.14 Development to work collaboratively with the
 23.15 University of Minnesota, Second Chance
 23.16 Recycling, and local governments to test and
 23.17 implement methods to expand mattress and
 23.18 furniture recycling statewide, including by
 23.19 researching value-add commodity markets for
 23.20 recycled materials, piloting mattress collection
 23.21 in greater Minnesota counties, piloting
 23.22 curbside furniture collection in the
 23.23 metropolitan area, and increasing facility
 23.24 capacity to recycle collected mattresses. Any
 23.25 revenue generated from selling products or
 23.26 assets developed or acquired with this
 23.27 appropriation must be repaid to the trust fund
 23.28 unless a plan is approved for reinvestment of
 23.29 income in the project. This appropriation is
 23.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

23.31 **(r) Phelps Mill Wetland and Prairie Restoration**

23.32 \$974,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 23.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 23.34 an agreement with Otter Tail County to plan,
 23.35 engineer, and restore wetlands and prairie

24.1 within the newly expanded Phelps Mill County
 24.2 Park to improve habitat connectivity for
 24.3 wildlife and enhance recreational experiences
 24.4 for users. Up to \$322,000 of this appropriation
 24.5 may be used to plan, engineer, and construct
 24.6 a boardwalk, viewing platforms, and soft trails
 24.7 within the park. This appropriation is available
 24.8 until June 30, 2027, by which time the project
 24.9 must be completed and final products
 24.10 delivered.

24.11 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and**
 24.12 **Recreation**

31,241,000

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24.13 **(a) SNA Stewardship, Outreach, and**
 24.14 **Biodiversity Protection**

24.15 \$1,919,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 24.16 to the commissioner of natural resources to
 24.17 restore and enhance exceptional habitat on
 24.18 scientific and natural areas (SNAs), increase
 24.19 public involvement and outreach, and
 24.20 strategically acquire lands that meet criteria
 24.21 for SNAs under Minnesota Statutes, section
 24.22 86A.05, from willing sellers. This
 24.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027,
 24.24 by which time the project must be completed
 24.25 and final products delivered.

24.26 **(b) Wannigan Regional Park Land Acquisition**

24.27 \$727,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 24.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 24.29 an agreement with the city of Frazee to acquire
 24.30 land for protecting and enhancing natural
 24.31 resources and for future development as
 24.32 Wannigan Regional Park, where the Heartland
 24.33 State, North Country National, and Otter Tail
 24.34 River Water Trails will meet. Initial site

25.1 development or restoration work may be
25.2 conducted with this appropriation.

25.3 **(c) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant**
25.4 **Programs**

25.5 \$3,802,000 the first year is from the trust fund
25.6 to the commissioner of natural resources to
25.7 solicit and rank applications and fund
25.8 competitive matching grants for local parks,
25.9 trail connections, and natural and scenic areas
25.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019. This
25.11 appropriation is for local nature-based
25.12 recreation, connections to regional and state
25.13 natural areas, and recreation facilities and may
25.14 not be used for athletic facilities such as sport
25.15 fields, courts, and playgrounds.

25.16 **(d) Outreach and Stewardship Through the**
25.17 **Native Prairie Bank Program**

25.18 \$620,000 the first year is from the trust fund
25.19 to the commissioner of natural resources to
25.20 enhance and monitor lands enrolled in the
25.21 native prairie bank and to provide outreach
25.22 and technical assistance to landowners,
25.23 practitioners, and the public to increase
25.24 awareness and stewardship of the state's
25.25 remaining native prairie. This appropriation
25.26 is available until June 30, 2027, by which time
25.27 the project must be completed and final
25.28 products delivered.

25.29 **(e) Minnesota State Trails Development**

25.30 \$4,952,000 the first year is from the trust fund
25.31 to the commissioner of natural resources to
25.32 expand recreational opportunities on
25.33 Minnesota state trails by rehabilitating and
25.34 enhancing existing state trails and replacing
25.35 or repairing existing state trail bridges.

26.1 **(f) Construction of East Park**

26.2 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund
26.3 to the commissioner of natural resources for
26.4 an agreement with the city of St. Joseph to
26.5 increase recreational opportunities and access
26.6 at East Park along the Sauk River in St. Joseph
26.7 through enhancements such as a canoe and
26.8 kayak access, a floating dock, paved and
26.9 mowed trails, and parking entrance
26.10 improvements.

26.11 **(g) Scandia Gateway Trail to William O'Brien**
26.12 **State Park**

26.13 \$2,689,000 the first year is from the trust fund
26.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for
26.15 an agreement with the city of Scandia to
26.16 engineer and construct a segment of the
26.17 Gateway State Trail between the city of
26.18 Scandia and William O'Brien State Park that
26.19 will be maintained by the Department of
26.20 Natural Resources. The segment to be
26.21 constructed includes a pedestrian tunnel and
26.22 trailhead parking area. This project must be
26.23 designed and constructed in accordance with
26.24 Department of Natural Resources state trail
26.25 standards. Engineering and construction plans
26.26 must be approved by the commissioner of
26.27 natural resources before construction may
26.28 commence. This appropriation is available
26.29 until June 30, 2027, by which time the project
26.30 must be completed and final products
26.31 delivered.

26.32 **(h) Grand Marais Mountain Bike Trail**
26.33 **Rehabilitation - Phase II**

26.34 \$200,000 the first year is from the trust fund
26.35 to the commissioner of natural resources for

- 27.1 an agreement with Superior Cycling
- 27.2 Association to rehabilitate and modify existing
- 27.3 mountain bike trails at Pincushion Mountain
- 27.4 to increase the trail's environmental
- 27.5 sustainability and provide better access to
- 27.6 beginner and adaptive cyclers.
- 27.7 **(i) Acquisition of State Parks and Trails**
- 27.8 **Inholdings**
- 27.9 \$5,425,000 the first year is from the trust fund
- 27.10 to the commissioner of natural resources to
- 27.11 acquire high-priority inholdings from willing
- 27.12 sellers within the legislatively authorized
- 27.13 boundaries of state parks, recreation areas, and
- 27.14 trails to protect Minnesota's natural heritage,
- 27.15 enhance outdoor recreation, and improve the
- 27.16 efficiency of public land management. This
- 27.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027,
- 27.18 by which time the project must be completed
- 27.19 and final products delivered.
- 27.20 **(j) St. Louis River Re-Connect - Phase II**
- 27.21 \$1,375,000 the first year is from the trust fund
- 27.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for
- 27.23 an agreement with the city of Duluth to
- 27.24 increase recreational opportunities and access
- 27.25 to the Waabizheshikana hiking and water trails
- 27.26 in West Duluth with trail and trailhead
- 27.27 enhancements such as accessible canoe and
- 27.28 kayak launches, picnic areas, and restrooms;
- 27.29 restored habitat; stormwater improvements;
- 27.30 directional signage, and trailside interpretation.
- 27.31 This appropriation may also be used to partner
- 27.32 with the St. Louis River Alliance to create an
- 27.33 ambassadors program to engage the
- 27.34 surrounding community and facilitate use of
- 27.35 the trails.

28.1 **(k) City of Biwabik Recreation**

28.2 \$1,306,000 the first year is from the trust fund
28.3 to the commissioner of natural resources for
28.4 an agreement with the city of Biwabik to
28.5 reconstruct and renovate Biwabik Recreation
28.6 Area's access road, parking area, and bathroom
28.7 facilities.

28.8 **(l) Silver Bay Multimodal Trailhead Project**

28.9 \$1,970,000 the first year is from the trust fund
28.10 to the commissioner of natural resources for
28.11 an agreement with the city of Silver Bay to
28.12 develop a multimodal trailhead center to
28.13 provide safe access to the Superior Hiking,
28.14 Gitchi-Gami Bike, and C.J. Ramstad/North
28.15 Shore trails; Black Beach Park; and other
28.16 recreational destinations. Before any
28.17 construction costs are incurred, the city must
28.18 demonstrate that all funding to complete the
28.19 project are secured.

28.20 **(m) Above the Falls Regional Park Restoration**
28.21 **Planning and Acquisition**

28.22 \$1,376,000 the first year is from the trust fund
28.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for
28.24 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
28.25 Recreation Board to acquire land along the
28.26 Mississippi River from willing sellers for
28.27 habitat restoration, trail development, and
28.28 low-intensity recreational facilities in Above
28.29 the Falls Regional Park. This appropriation
28.30 may also be used to prepare restoration plans
28.31 for lands acquired. This appropriation may not
28.32 be used to purchase habitable residential
28.33 structures. Before the acquisition, a phase 1
28.34 environmental assessment must be completed
28.35 and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation

29.1 Board must not accept any liability for
 29.2 previous contamination of lands acquired with
 29.3 this appropriation.

29.4 **(n) Redhead Mountain Bike Park**

29.5 \$1,666,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 29.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 29.7 an agreement with the city of Chisholm as the
 29.8 fiscal agent for the Minnesota Discovery
 29.9 Center to enhance outdoor recreational
 29.10 opportunities by adding trails and amenities
 29.11 to the Redhead Mountain Bike Park in
 29.12 Chisholm. Amenities may include such things
 29.13 as pump tracks, skills courses, changing
 29.14 stations, shade shakes, and signage.

29.15 **(o) Maplewood State Park Trail Segment of the**
 29.16 **Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail**

29.17 \$2,514,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 29.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for
 29.19 an agreement with Otter Tail County to partner
 29.20 with the Department of Natural Resources to
 29.21 construct the Maplewood State Park segment
 29.22 of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional
 29.23 Trail. This project must be designed and
 29.24 constructed in accordance with Department
 29.25 of Natural Resources state trail standards.
 29.26 Engineering and construction plans must be
 29.27 approved by the commissioner of natural
 29.28 resources before construction may commence.

29.29 **Subd. 10. Administration, Emerging Issues, and**
 29.30 **Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

3,126,000

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29.31 **(a) LCCMR Administrative Budget**

29.32 \$2,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 29.33 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 29.34 Minnesota Resources for administration in
 29.35 fiscal years 2024 and 2025 as provided in

30.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,
 30.2 subdivision 5. This appropriation is available
 30.3 until June 30, 2025. Notwithstanding
 30.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,
 30.5 paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section
 30.6 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

30.7 **(b) Emerging Issues**

30.8 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 30.9 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on
 30.10 Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues
 30.11 account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
 30.12 section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

30.13 **(c) Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

30.14 \$224,000 the first year is from the trust fund
 30.15 to the commissioner of natural resources, at
 30.16 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen
 30.17 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for
 30.18 expenses incurred in preparing and
 30.19 administering contracts, including for the
 30.20 agreements specified in this section.

30.21 **(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**
 30.22 **Website**

30.23 \$2,000 the first year is from the trust fund to
 30.24 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for
 30.25 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,
 30.26 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

30.27 **Subd. 11. Availability of Appropriations**

30.28 Money appropriated in this section may not
 30.29 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 30.30 related to and necessary for a specific
 30.31 appropriation and are specified in the work
 30.32 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen
 30.33 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money
 30.34 appropriated in this section must not be spent

31.1 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead
31.2 charges that are not directly related to and
31.3 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs
31.4 that are directly related to and necessary for
31.5 an appropriation, including financial services,
31.6 human resources, information services, rent,
31.7 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can
31.8 be clearly justified and individually
31.9 documented specific to the appropriation's
31.10 purpose and would not be generated by the
31.11 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.
31.12 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars
31.13 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise
31.14 provided, the amounts in this section are
31.15 available for three years beginning July 1,
31.16 2023, and ending June 30, 2026, when projects
31.17 must be completed and final products
31.18 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the
31.19 appropriations in this section are available for
31.20 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract
31.21 for acquisition of the real property is entered
31.22 into before the expiration date of the
31.23 appropriation. If a project receives a federal
31.24 award, the period of the appropriation is
31.25 extended to equal the federal award period to
31.26 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of
31.27 six years.

31.28 **Subd. 12. Data Availability Requirements Data**

31.29 Data collected by the projects funded under
31.30 this section must conform to guidelines and
31.31 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.
31.32 Spatial data must also conform to additional
31.33 guidelines and standards designed to support
31.34 data coordination and distribution that have
31.35 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial

- 32.1 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial
 32.2 data must be prepared as specified in the state's
 32.3 geographic metadata guideline and must be
 32.4 submitted to the Minnesota Geospatial
 32.5 Information Office. All data must be
 32.6 accessible and free to the public unless made
 32.7 private under the Data Practices Act,
 32.8 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the extent
 32.9 practicable, summary data and results of
 32.10 projects funded under this section should be
 32.11 readily accessible on the Internet and
 32.12 identified as having received funding from the
 32.13 environment and natural resources trust fund.
- 32.14 **Subd. 13. Project Requirements**
- 32.15 (a) As a condition of accepting an
 32.16 appropriation under this section, an agency or
 32.17 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to
 32.18 an agreement from an appropriation must
 32.19 comply with paragraphs (b) to (l) and
 32.20 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must
 32.21 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual
 32.22 progress reports in the form determined by the
 32.23 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 32.24 Resources for any project funded in whole or
 32.25 in part with funds from the appropriation.
 32.26 Modifications to the approved work plan and
 32.27 budget expenditures must be made through
 32.28 the amendment process established by the
 32.29 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
 32.30 Resources.
- 32.31 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this
 32.32 section that conducts a restoration using funds
 32.33 appropriated in this section must use native
 32.34 plant species according to the Board of Water
 32.35 and Soil Resources' native vegetation

33.1 establishment and enhancement guidelines
33.2 and include an appropriate diversity of native
33.3 species selected to provide habitat for
33.4 pollinators throughout the growing season as
33.5 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.6 84.973.

33.7 (c) For all restorations conducted with money
33.8 appropriated under this section, a recipient
33.9 must prepare an ecological restoration and
33.10 management plan that, to the degree
33.11 practicable, is consistent with the
33.12 highest-quality conservation and ecological
33.13 goals for the restoration site. Consideration
33.14 should be given to soil, geology, topography,
33.15 and other relevant factors that would provide
33.16 the best chance for long-term success and
33.17 durability of the restoration project. The plan
33.18 must include the proposed timetable for
33.19 implementing the restoration, including site
33.20 preparation, establishment of diverse plant
33.21 species, maintenance, and additional
33.22 enhancement to establish the restoration;
33.23 identify long-term maintenance and
33.24 management needs of the restoration and how
33.25 the maintenance, management, and
33.26 enhancement will be financed; and take
33.27 advantage of the best-available science and
33.28 include innovative techniques to achieve the
33.29 best restoration.

33.30 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this
33.31 section for restoration activities must provide
33.32 an initial restoration evaluation at the
33.33 completion of the appropriation and an
33.34 evaluation three years after the completion of
33.35 the expenditure. Restorations must be

- 34.1 evaluated relative to the stated goals and
34.2 standards in the restoration plan, current
34.3 science, and, when applicable, the Board of
34.4 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
34.5 establishment and enhancement guidelines.
34.6 The evaluation must determine whether the
34.7 restorations are meeting planned goals,
34.8 identify any problems with implementing the
34.9 restorations, and, if necessary, give
34.10 recommendations on improving restorations.
34.11 The evaluation must be focused on improving
34.12 future restorations.
- 34.13 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects
34.14 funded with money appropriated in this section
34.15 must be on land permanently protected by a
34.16 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 34.17 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation
34.18 under this section must give consideration to
34.19 contracting with Conservation Corps
34.20 Minnesota for contract restoration and
34.21 enhancement services.
- 34.22 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
34.23 money appropriated under this section must:
- 34.24 (1) be permanent;
34.25 (2) specify the parties to an easement in the
34.26 easement;
34.27 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that
34.28 are permanent;
34.29 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
34.30 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
34.31 electronic format at least ten business days
34.32 before closing;

35.1 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
35.2 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
35.3 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
35.4 (6) include requirements in the easement
35.5 document to protect the quantity and quality
35.6 of groundwater and surface water through
35.7 specific activities such as keeping water on
35.8 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
35.9 contaminant loading, and not permitting
35.10 artificial hydrological modifications.

35.11 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
35.12 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
35.13 this section must not agree to pay more than
35.14 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
35.15 of land using this money to complete the
35.16 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
35.17 to ten percent above the appraised value may
35.18 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
35.19 or in whole, using this money if permission is
35.20 received in advance of the purchase from the
35.21 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
35.22 Resources.

35.23 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in
35.24 land, a recipient of money appropriated under
35.25 this section must give priority to high-quality
35.26 natural resources or conservation lands that
35.27 provide natural buffers to water resources.

35.28 (j) For new lands acquired with money
35.29 appropriated under this section, a recipient
35.30 must prepare an ecological restoration and
35.31 management plan in compliance with
35.32 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for
35.33 implementation unless the work plan addresses
35.34 why a portion of the money is not necessary
35.35 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

36.1 (k) To ensure public accountability for using
36.2 public funds, a recipient of money
36.3 appropriated under this section must, within
36.4 60 days of the transaction, provide to the
36.5 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
36.6 Resources documentation of the selection
36.7 process used to identify parcels acquired and
36.8 provide documentation of all related
36.9 transaction costs, including but not limited to
36.10 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,
36.11 commissions, other similar costs, and
36.12 donations. This information must be provided
36.13 for all parties involved in the transaction. The
36.14 recipient must also report to the
36.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
36.16 Resources any difference between the
36.17 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the
36.18 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if
36.19 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal
36.20 was conducted.

36.21 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the
36.22 trust fund under this section must acknowledge
36.23 financial support from the environment and
36.24 natural resources trust fund in project
36.25 publications, signage, and other public
36.26 communications and outreach related to work
36.27 completed using the appropriation.

36.28 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,
36.29 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion
36.30 of language attributing support from the trust
36.31 fund. Each direct recipient of money
36.32 appropriated in this section, as well as each
36.33 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this
36.34 section, must satisfy all reporting and other
36.35 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally
36.36 dedicated funding recipients as provided in

37.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
37.2 10, and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P.

37.3 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the
37.4 trust fund under this section that is receiving
37.5 funding to conduct children's services, as
37.6 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
37.7 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the
37.8 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota
37.9 Resources, as part of the required work plan,
37.10 that criminal background checks for
37.11 background check crimes, as defined in
37.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,
37.13 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,
37.14 contractors, and volunteers that have or may
37.15 have access to a child to whom the recipient
37.16 provides children's services using the
37.17 appropriation.

37.18 **Subd. 14. Payment Conditions and Capital**
37.19 **Equipment Expenditures**

37.20 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts
37.21 referred to in this section must be administered
37.22 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise
37.23 provided in this section. Notwithstanding
37.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,
37.25 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2023,
37.26 or the date the work plan is approved,
37.27 whichever is later, are eligible for
37.28 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
37.29 this section. Periodic payments must be made
37.30 upon receiving documentation that the
37.31 deliverable items articulated in the approved
37.32 work plan have been achieved, including
37.33 partial achievements as evidenced by approved
37.34 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be
37.35 advanced to projects to accommodate

38.1 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The
38.2 advances must be approved as part of the work
38.3 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment
38.4 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the
38.5 project work plan.

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

38.8 **Subd. 15. Purchasing Recycled and Recyclable**
38.9 **Materials**

38.10 A political subdivision, public or private
38.11 corporation, or other entity that receives an
38.12 appropriation under this section must use the
38.13 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota
38.14 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding
38.15 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable
38.16 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section
38.17 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using
38.18 paper stock and printing.

38.19 **Subd. 16. Energy Conservation and Sustainable**
38.20 **Building Guidelines**

38.21 A recipient to whom an appropriation is made
38.22 under this section for a capital improvement
38.23 project must ensure that the project complies
38.24 with the applicable energy conservation and
38.25 sustainable building guidelines and standards
38.26 contained in law, including Minnesota
38.27 Statutes, sections 16B.325, 216C.19, and
38.28 216C.20, and rules adopted under those
38.29 sections. The recipient may use the energy
38.30 planning, advocacy, and State Energy Office
38.31 units of the Department of Commerce to
38.32 obtain information and technical assistance
38.33 on energy conservation and alternative-energy
38.34 development relating to planning and
38.35 constructing the capital improvement project.

39.1 Subd. 17. Accessibility

39.2 Structural and nonstructural facilities must
39.3 meet the design standards in the Americans
39.4 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility
39.5 guidelines.

39.6 Subd. 18. Carryforward; Extensions

39.7 The availability of the appropriations for the
39.8 following projects is extended to June 30,
39.9 2024:

39.10 (1) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section
39.11 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Minnesota
39.12 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center-
39.13 Phase 4;

39.14 (2) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section
39.15 2, subdivision 8, paragraph (e), Restoring
39.16 Forests in Minnesota State Parks;

39.17 (3) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
39.18 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
39.19 (d), Minnesota Trumpeter Swan Migration
39.20 Ecology and Conservation;

39.21 (4) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
39.22 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 8, paragraph
39.23 (g), Agricultural Weed Control Using
39.24 Autonomous Mowers;

39.25 (5) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
39.26 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 10,
39.27 paragraph (d), Grants Management System;
39.28 and

39.29 (6) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter
39.30 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 10,
39.31 Emerging Issues Account; Wastewater
39.32 Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants.

40.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

40.2 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education** -0- 4,269,000

40.3 **(a) Teacher Field School: Stewardship through**
40.4 **Nature-Based Education**

40.5 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
40.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
40.7 for an agreement with Hamline University to
40.8 create an immersive, research-backed field
40.9 school for teachers to use nature-based
40.10 education to benefit student well-being and
40.11 academic outcomes while increasing
40.12 stewardship habits.

40.13 **(b) Increasing K-12 Student Learning to Develop**
40.14 **Environmental Awareness, Appreciation, and**
40.15 **Interest**

40.16 \$1,602,000 the second year is from the trust
40.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
40.18 for an agreement with Osprey Wilds
40.19 Environmental Learning Center to partner with
40.20 Minnesota's five other accredited residential
40.21 environmental learning centers to provide
40.22 needs-based scholarships to ~~at least 25,000~~
40.23 K-12 students statewide for immersive
40.24 multiday environmental learning experiences.

40.25 **(c) Expanding Access to Wildlife Learning Bird**
40.26 **by Bird**

40.27 \$276,000 the second year is from the trust
40.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
40.29 to engage young people from diverse
40.30 communities in wildlife conservation through
40.31 bird-watching in schools, outdoor leadership
40.32 training, and participating in neighborhood
40.33 bird walks.

40.34 **(d) Engaging a Diverse Public in Environmental**
40.35 **Stewardship**

41.1 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust
41.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
41.3 for an agreement with Great River Greening
41.4 to increase participation in natural resources
41.5 restoration efforts through volunteer,
41.6 internship, and youth engagement activities
41.7 that target diverse audiences more accurately
41.8 reflecting local demographic and
41.9 socioeconomic conditions in Minnesota.

41.10 **(e) Bugs Below Zero: Engaging Citizens in**
41.11 **Winter Research**

41.12 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust
41.13 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
41.14 of Minnesota to raise awareness about the
41.15 winter life of bugs, inspire learning about
41.16 stream food webs, and engage citizen scientists
41.17 in research and environmental stewardship.

41.18 **(f) ESTEP: Earth Science Teacher Education**
41.19 **Project**

41.20 \$495,000 the second year is from the trust
41.21 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
41.22 for an agreement with the Minnesota Science
41.23 Teachers Association to provide professional
41.24 development for Minnesota science teachers
41.25 in environmental and earth science to
41.26 strengthen environmental education in schools.

41.27 **(g) YES! Students Take Action to Complete Eco**
41.28 **Projects**

41.29 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
41.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
41.31 for an agreement with Prairie Woods
41.32 Environmental Learning Center, in partnership
41.33 with Ney Nature Center and Laurentian
41.34 Environmental Center, to empower Minnesota
41.35 youth to connect with natural resource experts,

42.1 identify ecological challenges, and take action
 42.2 to complete innovative projects in their
 42.3 communities.

42.4 **(h) Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
 42.5 **Careers**

42.6 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
 42.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources,
 42.8 in cooperation with Conservation Corps
 42.9 Minnesota and Iowa, to encourage a diversity
 42.10 of students to pursue careers in the
 42.11 environment and natural resources through
 42.12 internships, mentorships, and fellowships with
 42.13 the Department of Natural Resources, the
 42.14 Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the
 42.15 Pollution Control Agency.

42.16 **(i) Diversity and Access to Wildlife-Related**
 42.17 **Opportunities**

42.18 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust
 42.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University
 42.20 of Minnesota to broaden the state's
 42.21 conservation constituency by researching
 42.22 diverse communities' values about nature and
 42.23 wildlife experiences and identifying barriers
 42.24 to engagement.

42.25 Sec. 4. Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

42.26 Subd. 9. **Habitat and Recreation** -0- 26,179,000

42.27 **(a) Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to**
 42.28 **toward Tower**

42.29 \$1,307,000 the second year is from the trust
 42.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
 42.31 for an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake
 42.32 Counties Regional Railroad Authority to
 42.33 acquire easements, engineer, and construct a
 42.34 segment of the Mesabi Trail beginning at the

43.1 intersection of Wahlsten Road (CR 26) and
43.2 Benson Road in Embarrass and extending to
43.3 toward Tower.

43.4 **(b) Environmental Learning Classroom with**
43.5 **Trails**

43.6 \$82,000 the second year is from the trust fund
43.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for
43.8 an agreement with Mountain Iron-Buhl Public
43.9 Schools to build an outdoor classroom
43.10 pavilion, accessible trails, and a footbridge
43.11 within the Mountain Iron-Buhl School Forest
43.12 to conduct environmental education that
43.13 cultivates a lasting conservation ethic.

43.14 **(c) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant**
43.15 **Programs**

43.16 \$3,560,000 the second year is from the trust
43.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
43.18 to solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching
43.19 grants for local parks, trail connections, and
43.20 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota
43.21 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is
43.22 for local nature-based recreation, connections
43.23 to regional and state natural areas, and
43.24 recreation facilities and may not be used for
43.25 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,
43.26 and playgrounds.

43.27 **(d) St. Louis River Re-Connect**

43.28 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust
43.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
43.30 for an agreement with the city of Duluth to
43.31 expand recreational access along the St. Louis
43.32 River and estuary by implementing the St.
43.33 Louis River National Water Trail outreach
43.34 plan, designing and constructing upgrades and
43.35 extensions to the Waabizheshikana Trail, and

44.1 installing interpretive features that describe
44.2 the cultural and ecological significance of the
44.3 area.

44.4 **(e) Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank**
44.5 **Easement Acquisition**

44.6 \$1,353,000 the second year is from the trust
44.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
44.8 to provide technical stewardship assistance to
44.9 private landowners, restore and enhance native
44.10 prairie protected by easements in the native
44.11 prairie bank, and acquire easements for the
44.12 native prairie bank in accordance with
44.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, including
44.14 preparing initial baseline property assessments.
44.15 Up to \$60,000 of this appropriation may be
44.16 deposited in the natural resources conservation
44.17 easement stewardship account created under
44.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.69, proportional
44.19 to the number of easements acquired.

44.20 **(f) Minnesota State Parks and State Trails**
44.21 **Maintenance and Development**

44.22 \$1,600,000 the second year is from the trust
44.23 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
44.24 for maintenance and development at state
44.25 parks, recreation areas, and trails to protect
44.26 Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor
44.27 recreation, and improve the efficiency of
44.28 public land management.

44.29 **(g) Minnesota State Trails Development**

44.30 \$7,387,000 the second year is from the trust
44.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
44.32 to expand recreational opportunities on
44.33 Minnesota state trails by rehabilitating and
44.34 enhancing existing state trails and replacing
44.35 or repairing existing state trail bridges.

45.1 **(h) SNA Habitat Restoration and Public**
45.2 **Engagement**

45.3 \$5,000,000 the second year is from the trust
45.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
45.5 for the scientific and natural areas (SNA)
45.6 program to restore and enhance exceptional
45.7 habitat on SNAs and increase public
45.8 involvement and outreach.

45.9 **(i) The Missing Link: Gull Lake Trail, Fairview**
45.10 **Township**

45.11 \$1,394,000 the second year is from the trust
45.12 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
45.13 for an agreement with Fairview Township to
45.14 complete the Gull Lake Trail by engineering
45.15 and constructing the trail's final segment
45.16 through Fairview Township in the Brainerd
45.17 Lakes area.

45.18 **(j) Silver Bay Multimodal Trailhead Project**

45.19 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust
45.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
45.21 for an agreement with the city of Silver Bay
45.22 to develop a multimodal trailhead center to
45.23 provide safe access to the Superior,
45.24 Gitchi-Gami, and C.J. Ramstad/North Shore
45.25 trails; Black Beach Park; and other
45.26 recreational destinations.

45.27 **(k) Brookston Campground, Boat Launch, and**
45.28 **Outdoor Recreational Facility**

45.29 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust
45.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
45.31 for an agreement with the city of Brookston
45.32 to build a campground, boat launch, and
45.33 outdoor recreation area on the banks of the St.
45.34 Louis River in northeastern Minnesota. Before
45.35 any trust fund dollars are spent, the city must

46.1 demonstrate that all funds to complete the
46.2 project are secured and a fiscal agent must be
46.3 approved in the work plan.

46.4 **(l) Silver Lake Trail Connection**

46.5 \$727,000 the second year is from the trust
46.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
46.7 for an agreement with the city of Virginia to
46.8 design, engineer, and construct a multiuse trail
46.9 that will connect Silver Lake Trail to a new
46.10 Miners Entertainment and Convention Center
46.11 and provide lighting on Bailey Lake Trail.

46.12 **(m) Floodwood Campground Improvement**
46.13 **Project**

46.14 \$816,000 the second year is from the trust
46.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
46.16 for an agreement with the city of Floodwood
46.17 to upgrade the Floodwood Campground and
46.18 connecting trails to provide high-quality nature
46.19 and recreation experience for people of all
46.20 ages.

46.21 **(n) Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase**
46.22 **2**

46.23 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust
46.24 fund to the commissioner of natural resources
46.25 for an agreement with the city of Ranier to
46.26 construct a safe harbor and transient dock to
46.27 accommodate watercraft of many sizes to
46.28 improve public access for boat recreation on
46.29 Rainy Lake. Before trust fund dollars are
46.30 spent, a fiscal agent must be approved in the
46.31 work plan. Before any trust fund dollars are
46.32 spent, the city must demonstrate that all funds
46.33 to complete the project are secured. Any
46.34 revenue generated from selling products or
46.35 assets developed or acquired with this

47.1 appropriation must be repaid to the trust fund
 47.2 unless a plan is approved for reinvestment of
 47.3 income in the project as provided under
 47.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

47.5 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

47.6 This article is effective the day following final enactment.

47.7 **ARTICLE 2**
 47.8 **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

47.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116P.15, is amended to read:

47.10 **116P.15 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION;**
 47.11 **RESTRICTIONS.**

47.12 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** A recipient of an appropriation from the trust fund or the Minnesota
 47.13 future resources fund who acquires an interest in real property with the appropriation must
 47.14 comply with ~~this section~~ subdivision 2. ~~For the purposes of this section, "interest in real~~
 47.15 ~~property" includes, but is not limited to, an easement or fee title to property.~~ A recipient of
 47.16 an appropriation from the trust fund who uses any portion of the appropriation for a capital
 47.17 construction project with a total cost of \$10,000 or more must comply with subdivision 3.

47.18 Subd. 2. **Land acquisition restrictions; modification procedure.** (a) An easement, fee
 47.19 title, or other interest in real property acquired with an appropriation from the trust fund or
 47.20 the Minnesota future resources fund must be used in perpetuity or for the specific term of
 47.21 an easement interest for the purpose for which the appropriation was made. The ownership
 47.22 of the interest in real property transfers to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real
 47.23 property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or work plan;
 47.24 or (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use for the intended purpose as
 47.25 specified in the appropriation.

47.26 (b) A recipient of funding who acquires an interest in real property subject to this section
 47.27 may not alter the intended use of the interest in real property or convey any interest in the
 47.28 real property acquired with the appropriation without the prior review and approval of the
 47.29 commission or its successor. The commission shall notify the chairs and ranking minority
 47.30 members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the trust fund
 47.31 or Minnesota future resources fund at least 15 business days before approval under this
 47.32 paragraph. The commission shall establish procedures to review requests from recipients

48.1 to alter the use of or convey an interest in real property. These procedures shall allow for
 48.2 the replacement of the interest in real property with another interest in real property meeting
 48.3 the following criteria:

48.4 (1) the interest must be at least equal in fair market value, as certified by the commissioner
 48.5 of natural resources, to the interest being replaced; and

48.6 (2) the interest must be in a reasonably equivalent location, and have a reasonably
 48.7 equivalent useful conservation purpose compared to the interest being replaced, taking into
 48.8 consideration all effects from fragmentation of the whole habitat.

48.9 (c) A recipient of funding who acquires an interest in real property under paragraph (a)
 48.10 must separately record a notice of funding restrictions in the appropriate local government
 48.11 office where the conveyance of the interest in real property is filed. The notice of funding
 48.12 agreement must contain:

48.13 (1) a legal description of the interest in real property covered by the funding agreement;

48.14 (2) a reference to the underlying funding agreement;

48.15 (3) a reference to this section; and

48.16 (4) the following statement:

48.17 "This interest in real property shall be administered in accordance with the terms,
 48.18 conditions, and purposes of the grant agreement controlling the acquisition of the property.
 48.19 The interest in real property, or any portion of the interest in real property, shall not be sold,
 48.20 transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or further encumbered without obtaining the
 48.21 prior written approval of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources or
 48.22 its successor. The ownership of the interest in real property transfers to the state if: (1) the
 48.23 holder of the interest in real property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the
 48.24 grant agreement or work plan; or (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use
 48.25 for the intended purpose as specified in the appropriation."

48.26 Subd. 3. Capital construction restrictions; modification procedure. (a) A recipient
 48.27 of an appropriation from the trust fund who uses the appropriation to wholly or partially
 48.28 construct a building, trail, campground, or other capital asset may not alter the intended use
 48.29 of the capital asset or convey any interest in the capital asset for 25 years from the date the
 48.30 project is completed without the prior review and approval of the commission or its successor.
 48.31 The commission must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
 48.32 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the trust fund at least 15 business days
 48.33 before approval under this paragraph. The commission must establish procedures to review

49.1 requests from recipients to alter the use of or convey an interest in a capital asset under this
 49.2 paragraph. These procedures must require that:

49.3 (1) the sale price must be at least fair market value; and

49.4 (2) the trust fund must be repaid a portion of the sale price equal to the percentage of
 49.5 the total funding provided by the fund for constructing the capital asset.

49.6 (b) The commission or its successor may waive the requirements under paragraph (a),
 49.7 clauses (1) and (2), by recommendation to the legislature if the transfer allows for a continued
 49.8 use of the asset in a manner consistent with the original appropriation purpose or with the
 49.9 purposes of the trust fund.

49.10 (c) If both a capital asset and the real property on which the asset is located were wholly
 49.11 or partially purchased with an appropriation from the trust fund and the commission approves
 49.12 a request to alter the use of or convey an interest in the real property under subdivision 2,
 49.13 a separate approval under this subdivision to alter the use of the capital asset is not required.

49.14 (d) A recipient of an appropriation from the trust fund who uses the appropriation to
 49.15 wholly or partially construct a building, trail, campground, or other capital asset must
 49.16 separately record a notice of funding restrictions in the appropriate local government office.
 49.17 The notice of funding restrictions must contain:

49.18 (1) a legal description of the interest in real property covered by the funding agreement;

49.19 (2) a reference to the underlying funding agreement;

49.20 (3) a reference to this subdivision; and

49.21 (4) the following statement:

49.22 "This interest in real property must be administered in accordance with the terms,
 49.23 conditions, and purposes of the grant agreement controlling the improvement of the property.
 49.24 The interest in real property, or any portion of the interest in real property, must not be
 49.25 altered from its intended use or be sold, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or
 49.26 further encumbered without obtaining the prior written approval of the Legislative-Citizen
 49.27 Commission on Minnesota Resources or its successor."

49.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116P.16, is amended to read:

49.29 **116P.16 REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS; REPORT.**

49.30 (a) By December 1 each year, a recipient of an appropriation from the trust fund, that
 49.31 is used for the acquisition of an interest in real property, including, but not limited to, an

50.1 easement or fee title, or for the construction of a building, trail, campground, or other capital
 50.2 asset with a total cost of \$10,000 or more must submit annual reports on the status of the
 50.3 real property to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources or its successor
 50.4 in a form determined by the commission. The responsibility for reporting under this section
 50.5 may be transferred by the recipient of the appropriation to another person who holds the
 50.6 interest in the real property. To complete the transfer of reporting responsibility, the recipient
 50.7 of the appropriation must:

50.8 (1) inform the person to whom the responsibility is transferred of that person's reporting
 50.9 responsibility;

50.10 (2) inform the person to whom the responsibility is transferred of the property restrictions
 50.11 under section 116P.15; and

50.12 (3) provide written notice to the commission of the transfer of reporting responsibility,
 50.13 including contact information for the person to whom the responsibility is transferred.

50.14 (b) After the transfer, the person who holds the interest in the real property is responsible
 50.15 for reporting requirements under this section.

50.16 (c) The annual reporting requirements on the status of a building, trail, campground, or
 50.17 other capital asset with a total cost of \$10,000 or more and that was constructed with an
 50.18 appropriation from the trust fund expire 25 years after the date the final progress report
 50.19 under section 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), is approved.

50.20 **Sec. 3. [116P.21] ADDITIONAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
 50.21 **REQUIREMENTS.**

50.22 Subdivision 1. Full funding. If an appropriation from the trust fund for a capital
 50.23 construction project or project phase is not alone sufficient to complete the project or project
 50.24 phase and a commitment from sources other than the trust fund is required:

50.25 (1) the commitment must be in an amount that, when added to the appropriation from
 50.26 the trust fund, is sufficient to complete the project or project phase; and

50.27 (2) the agency administering the appropriation from the trust fund must not distribute
 50.28 the money until the commitment is determined to be sufficient. In determining the sufficiency
 50.29 of a commitment under this clause, the agency must apply the standards and principles
 50.30 applied by the commissioner of management and budget under section 16A.502.

50.31 Subd. 2. Sustainable building guidelines. The sustainable building guidelines established
 50.32 under sections 16B.325 and 216B.241, subdivision 9, apply to new buildings and major

51.1 renovations funded from the trust fund. A recipient of money appropriated from the trust
51.2 fund for a new building or major renovation must ensure that the project complies with the
51.3 guidelines.

51.4 Subd. 3. **Applicability.** (a) Subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to:

51.5 (1) a capital construction project with a total cost of less than \$10,000; or

51.6 (2) a land acquisition project.

51.7 (b) If land is acquired with trust fund money for the purpose of capital construction, the
51.8 land acquisition is not exempted under paragraph (a), clause (2).

51.9 Subd. 4. **Other capital construction statutes.** The following statutes also apply to
51.10 recipients of appropriations from the trust fund: sections 16B.32; 16B.326; 16B.335,
51.11 subdivisions 3 and 4; 16C.054; 16C.16; 16C.28; 16C.285; 138.40; 138.665; 138.666; 177.41
51.12 to 177.44; and 471.345.

51.13 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

51.14 This article is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to money appropriated on or after that
51.15 date.