

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE **S.F. No. 2493**

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04/27/2012		House adopted SCC report and repassed bill

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage fund; modifying requirements for outdoor heritage fund appropriations; appropriating money for clean water; appropriating money for an Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Research Center; modifying prior appropriations; modifying certain parks and trails grant program provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 85.535, subdivision 3; 97A.056, by adding subdivisions; Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 3, section 3; Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision 9; Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 7.

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

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2012" and "2013" used in this act means that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2012. "The second year" is fiscal year 2013. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The appropriations in this act are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2012 **2013**

Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE**

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>99,920,000</u>
2.2	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor</u>				
2.3	<u>heritage fund. The amounts that may be</u>				
2.4	<u>spent for each purpose are specified in the</u>				
2.5	<u>following subdivisions.</u>				
2.6	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>-0-</u>		<u>24,640,000</u>
2.7	<u>(a) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water</u>				
2.8	<u>- Phase II</u>				
2.9	<u>\$2,090,000 in the second year is to the</u>				
2.10	<u>Board of Water and Soil Resources in</u>				
2.11	<u>cooperation with Pheasants Forever to</u>				
2.12	<u>acquire permanent conservation easements</u>				
2.13	<u>to enhance habitat by expanding clean water</u>				
2.14	<u>fund riparian wildlife buffers on private land.</u>				
2.15	<u>A list of proposed permanent conservation</u>				
2.16	<u>easements must be provided as part of the</u>				
2.17	<u>final report. The accomplishment plan must</u>				
2.18	<u>include an easement stewardship plan. Up</u>				
2.19	<u>to \$90,000 is for establishing a monitoring</u>				
2.20	<u>and enforcement fund as approved in</u>				
2.21	<u>the accomplishment plan and subject to</u>				
2.22	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,</u>				
2.23	<u>subdivision 17. An annual financial report is</u>				
2.24	<u>required for any monitoring and enforcement</u>				
2.25	<u>fund established, including expenditures</u>				
2.26	<u>from the fund and a description of annual</u>				
2.27	<u>monitoring and enforcement activities.</u>				
2.28	<u>(b) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase</u>				
2.29	<u>III</u>				
2.30	<u>\$4,610,000 in the second year is to the</u>				
2.31	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>				
2.32	<u>agreement with The Nature Conservancy to</u>				
2.33	<u>acquire native prairie and savanna and restore</u>				
2.34	<u>and enhance grasslands and savanna. A list of</u>				
2.35	<u>proposed land acquisitions must be provided</u>				

3.1 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
3.2 Annual income statements and balance sheets
3.3 for income and expenses from land acquired
3.4 with this appropriation must be submitted to
3.5 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
3.6 no later than 180 days following the close of
3.7 The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year.

3.8 **(c) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
3.9 **Complex - Phase II**

3.10 \$1,760,000 in the second year is to the
3.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.12 agreement with The Trust for Public Land
3.13 to acquire and restore lands in the Cannon
3.14 River watershed for wildlife management
3.15 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,
3.16 section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or aquatic
3.17 management area purposes under Minnesota
3.18 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision
3.19 14, and 97C.02. A list of proposed land
3.20 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.21 required accomplishment plan.

3.22 **(d) Wildlife Management Area Acquisition**

3.23 \$2,900,000 in the second year is to the
3.24 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
3.25 land in fee for wildlife management area
3.26 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.27 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
3.28 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
3.29 the required accomplishment plan.

3.30 **(e) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
3.31 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase IV**

3.32 \$1,580,000 in the second year is to the
3.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.34 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
3.35 in cooperation with the United States Fish

4.1 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
4.2 fee or permanent conservation easements
4.3 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
4.4 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for
4.5 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
4.6 National Wildlife Refuge. A list of proposed
4.7 land acquisitions must be provided as part
4.8 of the required accomplishment plan. The
4.9 accomplishment plan must include an
4.10 easement monitoring and enforcement plan.

4.11 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.12 **Program - Phase IV**

4.13 \$3,300,000 in the second year is to the
4.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.15 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
4.16 land in fee for wildlife management area
4.17 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.18 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
4.19 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
4.20 the required accomplishment plan.

4.21 **(g) Green Corridor Legacy Program - Phase IV**

4.22 \$1,730,000 in the second year is to the
4.23 commissioner of natural resources for
4.24 an agreement with the Redwood Area
4.25 Development Corporation to acquire land in
4.26 fee for wildlife management area purposes
4.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.28 subdivision 8, and for aquatic management
4.29 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
4.30 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. A list of
4.31 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
4.32 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.33 **(h) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
4.34 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase IV**

5.1 \$4,300,000 in the second year is to the
5.2 commissioner of natural resources to
5.3 accelerate the restoration and enhancement
5.4 of wildlife management areas, scientific
5.5 and natural areas, and land under native
5.6 prairie bank easements. A list of proposed
5.7 restorations and enhancements must
5.8 be provided as part of the required
5.9 accomplishment plan.

5.10 **(i) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Restoration and**
5.11 **Enhancement - Phase II**

5.12 \$1,050,000 in the second year is to the
5.13 commissioner of natural resources for
5.14 agreements to restore and enhance habitat on
5.15 public lands in the Anoka Sand Plain and
5.16 along the Rum River as follows: \$558,750 to
5.17 Great River Greening; \$99,400 to the Anoka
5.18 Conservation District; and \$391,850 to the
5.19 National Wild Turkey Federation. A list
5.20 of proposed restorations and enhancements
5.21 must be provided as part of the required
5.22 accomplishment plan.

5.23 **(j) Enhanced Public Grasslands**

5.24 \$1,320,000 in the second year is to the
5.25 commissioner of natural resources for
5.26 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
5.27 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
5.28 Chicken Society to restore and enhance
5.29 habitat on public lands. The criteria for
5.30 selection of projects must be included in the
5.31 accomplishment plan. A list of proposed
5.32 restorations and enhancements must be
5.33 provided as part of the final report.

5.34 **Subd. 3. Forests**

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17,300,000

6.1 **(a) Protecting Mississippi River Corridor**
6.2 **Habitat ACUB Partnership - Phase II**

6.3 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
6.4 Board of Water and Soil Resources to
6.5 acquire permanent conservation easements
6.6 on land adjacent to the Nokasippi River
6.7 and the boundaries of the Minnesota
6.8 National Guard Army compatible use buffer
6.9 (ACUB). A list of proposed land acquisitions
6.10 must be provided as part of the required
6.11 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
6.12 plan must include an easement stewardship
6.13 plan. Up to \$4,800 is for establishing
6.14 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
6.15 approved in the accomplishment plan and
6.16 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
6.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
6.18 report is required for any monitoring and
6.19 enforcement fund established, including
6.20 expenditures from the fund and a description
6.21 of annual monitoring and enforcement
6.22 activities.

6.23 **(b) Mississippi Northwoods Habitat Complex**
6.24 **Protection**

6.25 \$14,040,000 in the second year is to the
6.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.27 agreement with Crow Wing County to
6.28 acquire land in fee along the Mississippi
6.29 River in Crow Wing County to be added
6.30 to the county forest system. The purchase
6.31 price must not exceed the appraised fair
6.32 market value of the property as reviewed
6.33 and approved under established procedures
6.34 in compliance with the Uniform Standards
6.35 of Professional Appraisal Practice and
6.36 the Department of Natural Resources'

7.1 Supplemental Appraisal and Appraisal
7.2 Review Guidelines (effective July 15,
7.3 2009). A land description must be provided
7.4 as part of the required accomplishment
7.5 plan. Development of a paved trail on land
7.6 acquired under this paragraph constitutes an
7.7 alteration of the intended use of the interest in
7.8 real property and must be handled according
7.9 to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
7.10 subdivision 15. Any plan, including trail
7.11 alignment, for the development of a paved
7.12 trail must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams
7.13 Outdoor Heritage Council for approval. No
7.14 paved trail development or paved trail use
7.15 is allowed unless it is specified in the plan
7.16 for trail use and alignment approved by the
7.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

7.18 **(c) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed**
7.19 **Grouse Habitat Partnership - Phase III**

7.20 \$1,340,000 in the second year is to the
7.21 commissioner of natural resources for
7.22 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
7.23 cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed
7.24 Grouse Society to acquire and enhance
7.25 lands for wildlife management area purposes
7.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
7.27 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land
7.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
7.29 required accomplishment plan.

7.30 **(d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass**
7.31 **County - Phase III**

7.32 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
7.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.34 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
7.35 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
7.36 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions

8.1 must be provided as part of the required
8.2 accomplishment plan.

8.3 **(e) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative**

8.4 \$960,000 in the second year is to the
8.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.6 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
8.7 Association to restore and enhance public
8.8 forest lands in northeastern Minnesota
8.9 for moose habitat purposes. A list of
8.10 proposed restorations and enhancements
8.11 must be provided as part of the required
8.12 accomplishment plan.

8.13 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 31,140,000

8.14 **(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve**
8.15 **Program Partnership - Phase IV**

8.16 \$13,810,000 in the second year is to the
8.17 Board of Water and Soil Resources to
8.18 acquire permanent conservation easements
8.19 and restore wetlands and associated upland
8.20 habitat in cooperation with the United
8.21 States Department of Agriculture Wetlands
8.22 Reserve Program. A list of land acquisitions
8.23 must be provided as part of the final report.
8.24 The accomplishment plan must include
8.25 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
8.26 \$180,000 is for establishing a monitoring
8.27 and enforcement fund as approved in
8.28 the accomplishment plan and subject to
8.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
8.30 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
8.31 required for any monitoring and enforcement
8.32 fund established, including expenditures
8.33 from the fund and a description of annual
8.34 monitoring and enforcement activities.

9.1 **(b) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**
9.2 **Area Program - Phase IV**

9.3 \$5,400,000 in the second year is to the
9.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
9.6 land in fee to be managed and designated as
9.7 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
9.8 in cooperation with the United States Fish
9.9 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
9.10 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
9.11 required accomplishment plan.

9.12 **(c) Columbus Lake Conservation Area**

9.13 \$940,000 in the second year is to the
9.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.15 agreement with Anoka County to acquire
9.16 land in fee for conservation purposes that
9.17 connect wetlands and shallow lakes to
9.18 the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management
9.19 Area. A list of proposed land acquisitions
9.20 must be provided as part of the required
9.21 accomplishment plan.

9.22 **(d) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
9.23 **Initiative - Phase II**

9.24 \$4,490,000 in the second year is to the
9.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.26 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to assess,
9.27 restore, and enhance shallow lakes and
9.28 wetlands, including technical assistance,
9.29 survey, design, and engineering to develop
9.30 new enhancement and restoration projects
9.31 for future implementation. A list of
9.32 proposed restorations and enhancements
9.33 must be provided as part of the required
9.34 accomplishment plan.

10.1 (e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands
10.2 Enhancement - Phase IV

10.3 \$3,870,000 in the second year is to the
10.4 commissioner of natural resources to
10.5 develop engineering designs and complete
10.6 construction to enhance shallow lakes and
10.7 wetlands. A list of proposed restorations and
10.8 enhancements must be provided as part of
10.9 the required accomplishment plan. Work
10.10 must be completed within three years of the
10.11 effective date of this act.

10.12 (f) Marsh Lake Enhancement

10.13 \$2,630,000 in the second year is to the
10.14 commissioner of natural resources to
10.15 complete design and construction to modify
10.16 the dam at Marsh Lake and return the historic
10.17 outlet of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac
10.18 Qui Parle.

10.19 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 26,620,000

10.20 (a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV

10.21 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources to
10.23 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent
10.24 conservation easements for aquatic
10.25 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
10.26 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
10.27 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic
10.28 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions
10.29 must be provided as part of the required
10.30 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
10.31 plan must include an easement stewardship
10.32 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing
10.33 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
10.34 approved in the accomplishment plan and

11.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
11.3 report is required for any monitoring and
11.4 enforcement fund established, including
11.5 expenditures from the fund and a description
11.6 of annual monitoring and enforcement
11.7 activities.

11.8 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

11.9 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
11.10 commissioner of natural resources for
11.11 agreements to acquire interests in land in
11.12 fee or permanent conservation easements
11.13 and to restore and enhance natural systems
11.14 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
11.15 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
11.16 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
11.17 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
11.18 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River
11.19 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
11.20 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
11.21 for Public Land. A list of proposed
11.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
11.23 must be provided as part of the required
11.24 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
11.25 plan must include an easement stewardship
11.26 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
11.27 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
11.28 approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.29 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.30 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
11.31 report is required for any monitoring and
11.32 enforcement fund established, including
11.33 expenditures from the fund and a description
11.34 of annual monitoring and enforcement
11.35 activities.

12.1 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
12.2 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

12.3 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
12.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.5 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
12.6 permanent conservation easements and
12.7 restore and enhance habitats along the
12.8 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.
12.9 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
12.10 and enhancements must be provided as
12.11 part of the required accomplishment plan.
12.12 The accomplishment plan must include
12.13 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
12.14 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
12.15 and enforcement fund as approved in
12.16 the accomplishment plan and subject to
12.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
12.18 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
12.19 required for any monitoring and enforcement
12.20 fund established, including expenditures
12.21 from the fund and a description of annual
12.22 monitoring and enforcement activities.

12.23 **(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration**

12.24 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
12.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore
12.26 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
12.27 A list of proposed projects must be provided
12.28 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.29 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
12.30 **Phase IV**

12.31 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
12.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.33 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
12.34 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
12.35 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list

13.1 of proposed restorations and enhancements
13.2 must be provided as part of the required
13.3 accomplishment plan.

13.4 **(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration**

13.5 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
13.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.7 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
13.8 District to restore and enhance stream and
13.9 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
13.10 of proposed restorations and enhancements
13.11 must be provided as part of the required
13.12 accomplishment plan.

13.13 **(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration**

13.14 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
13.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.16 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
13.17 Association to restore trout habitat in the
13.18 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
13.19 proposed restorations must be provided as
13.20 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.21 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian Carp**

13.22 \$5,500,000 in the second year is to the
13.23 commissioner of natural resources to provide
13.24 structural deterrents for Asian carp to protect
13.25 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this
13.26 money requires a one-to-one match for
13.27 projects on state boundary waters.

13.28 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
13.29 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

13.30 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
13.31 commissioner of natural resources for a
13.32 program to provide competitive, matching
13.33 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
13.34 state, and national organizations for

14.1 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
14.2 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
14.3 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
14.4 be made for activities required to fulfill
14.5 the duties of owners of lands subject to
14.6 conservation easements. Grants shall not be
14.7 made from appropriations in this paragraph
14.8 for projects that have a total project cost
14.9 exceeding \$575,000. \$366,000 of this
14.10 appropriation may be spent for personnel
14.11 costs and other direct and necessary
14.12 administrative costs. Grantees may acquire
14.13 land or interests in land. Easements must be
14.14 permanent. Land acquired in fee must be
14.15 open to hunting and fishing during the open
14.16 season unless otherwise provided by state
14.17 law. The program shall require a match of
14.18 at least ten percent from nonstate sources
14.19 for all grants. The match may be cash or
14.20 in-kind resources. For grant applications
14.21 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
14.22 provide a separate, simplified application
14.23 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
14.24 commissioner of natural resources shall,
14.25 when evaluating projects of equal value,
14.26 give priority to organizations that have a
14.27 history of receiving or charter to receive
14.28 private contributions for local conservation
14.29 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
14.30 conservation easement, priority shall be
14.31 given to projects associated with existing
14.32 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
14.33 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
14.34 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
14.35 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
14.36 subdivision 5; and aquatic management areas

15.1 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
15.2 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
15.3 or enhancement projects must be on land
15.4 permanently protected by a conservation
15.5 easement or public ownership or in public
15.6 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
15.7 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
15.8 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
15.9 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
15.10 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
15.11 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
15.12 This appropriation is available until June
15.13 30, 2016. No less than five percent of the
15.14 amount of each grant must be held back from
15.15 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
15.16 completed a grant accomplishment report by
15.17 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
15.18 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
15.19 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
15.20 provide notice of the grant program in
15.21 the game and fish law summaries that are
15.22 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.23 97A.051, subdivision 2.

15.24 Subd. 6. **Administration** -0- 220,000

15.25 (a) **Contract Management**

15.26 \$175,000 in the second year is to the
15.27 commissioner of natural resources for
15.28 contract management duties assigned in this
15.29 section. The commissioner shall provide a
15.30 work program in the form specified by the
15.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
15.32 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
15.33 No money may be expended prior to
15.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
15.35 approval of the work program.

16.1 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**
16.2 \$45,000 in the second year is to the
16.3 commissioner of natural resources for a
16.4 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
16.5 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota
16.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

16.7 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

16.8 Money appropriated in this section may
16.9 not be spent on activities unless they are
16.10 directly related to and necessary for a
16.11 specific appropriation and are specified in
16.12 the accomplishment plan approved by the
16.13 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
16.14 Money appropriated in this section must not
16.15 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
16.16 overhead charges that are not directly related
16.17 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
16.18 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
16.19 in this section are available until June 30,
16.20 2015, when projects must be completed and
16.21 final accomplishments reported. Funds for
16.22 restoration or enhancement are available
16.23 until June 30, 2017, or four years after
16.24 acquisition, whichever is later, in order to
16.25 complete initial restoration or enhancement
16.26 work. If a project receives federal funds, the
16.27 time period of the appropriation is extended
16.28 to equal the availability of federal funding.
16.29 Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition
16.30 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
16.31 provide for public use of the land acquired
16.32 with the appropriation. Public use facilities
16.33 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
16.34 acquired lands.

17.1 Subd. 8. **Payment Conditions and Capital**
17.2 **Equipment Expenditures**

17.3 All agreements referred to in this section must
17.4 be administered on a reimbursement basis
17.5 unless otherwise provided in this section.
17.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
17.7 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
17.8 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
17.9 1, 2012, or the date of accomplishment plan
17.10 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
17.11 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
17.12 this section. Periodic reimbursement must
17.13 be made upon receiving documentation that
17.14 the items articulated in the accomplishment
17.15 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
17.16 Heritage Council have been achieved,
17.17 including partial achievements as evidenced
17.18 by progress reports approved by the
17.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
17.20 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
17.21 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
17.22 support future management of acquired
17.23 lands, or match a federal share. The
17.24 advances must be approved as part of the
17.25 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
17.26 expenditures for specific items in excess of
17.27 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
17.28 part of the accomplishment plan.

17.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
17.30 to read:

17.31 Subd. 12. **Accomplishment plans.** It is a condition of acceptance of money
17.32 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that the agency or entity using the
17.33 appropriation submits an accomplishment plan and periodic accomplishment reports
17.34 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the form determined by the council.
17.35 The accomplishment plan must identify the project manager responsible for expending

18.1 the appropriation and the final product. The accomplishment plan must account for
18.2 the use of the appropriation and outcomes of the expenditure in measures of wetlands,
18.3 prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat restored, protected, and enhanced.
18.4 The plan must include an evaluation of results. If lands are acquired by fee with money
18.5 from the outdoor heritage fund, the accomplishment plan must include a hunting and
18.6 fishing management plan for the lands acquired by fee. No money appropriated from the
18.7 outdoor heritage fund may be expended unless the council has approved the pertinent
18.8 accomplishment plan.

18.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
18.10 to read:

18.11 Subd. 13. **Project requirements.** (a) As a condition of accepting money
18.12 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund, an agency or entity receiving money from
18.13 an appropriation must comply with this subdivision for any project funded in whole or
18.14 in part with funds from the appropriation.

18.15 (b) All conservation easements acquired with money appropriated from the outdoor
18.16 heritage fund must:

18.17 (1) be permanent;

18.18 (2) specify the parties to the easement;

18.19 (3) specify all of the provisions of an agreement that are permanent;

18.20 (4) specify the habitat types and location being protected;

18.21 (5) where appropriate for conservation or water protection outcomes, require the
18.22 grantor to employ practices retaining water on the eased land as long as practicable;

18.23 (6) specify the responsibilities of the parties for habitat enhancement and restoration
18.24 and the associated costs of these activities;

18.25 (7) be sent to the office of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council;

18.26 (8) include a long-term stewardship plan and identify the sources and amount of
18.27 funding for monitoring and enforcing the easement agreement; and

18.28 (9) identify the parties responsible for monitoring and enforcing the easement
18.29 agreement.

18.30 (c) For all restorations, a recipient must prepare and retain an ecological restoration
18.31 and management plan that, to the degree practicable, is consistent with current
18.32 conservation science and ecological goals for the restoration site. Consideration should
18.33 be given to soil, geology, topography, and other relevant factors that would provide the
18.34 best chance for long-term success and durability of the restoration. The plan must include
18.35 the proposed timetable for implementing the restoration, including, but not limited to,

19.1 site preparation, establishment of diverse plant species, maintenance, and additional
19.2 enhancement to establish the restoration; identify long-term maintenance and management
19.3 needs of the restoration and how the maintenance, management, and enhancement will be
19.4 financed; and use current conservation science to achieve the best restoration.

19.5 (d) For new lands acquired, a recipient must prepare a restoration and management
19.6 plan in compliance with paragraph (c), including identification of sufficient funding for
19.7 implementation.

19.8 (e) To ensure public accountability for the use of public funds, a recipient must
19.9 provide to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council documentation of the process used
19.10 to select parcels acquired in fee or as permanent conservation easements and must provide
19.11 the council with documentation of all related transaction costs, including, but not limited
19.12 to, appraisals, legal fees, recording fees, commissions, other similar costs, and donations.
19.13 This information must be provided for all parties involved in the transaction. The recipient
19.14 must also report to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council any difference between
19.15 the acquisition amount paid to the seller and the state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal,
19.16 if a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal was conducted. Acquisition data such as
19.17 appraisals may remain private during negotiations but must ultimately be made public
19.18 according to chapter 13.

19.19 (f) Except as otherwise provided in the appropriation, all restoration and
19.20 enhancement projects funded with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
19.21 must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership or
19.22 in public waters as defined in section 103G.005, subdivision 15.

19.23 (g) To the extent an appropriation is used to acquire an interest in real property,
19.24 a recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must provide to the
19.25 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the commissioner of management and
19.26 budget an analysis of increased operation and maintenance costs likely to be incurred by
19.27 public entities as a result of the acquisition and of how the costs are to be paid.

19.28 (h) A recipient of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund must give
19.29 consideration to and make timely written contact with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
19.30 possible use of the corps' services to contract for restoration and enhancement services.
19.31 A copy of the written contact must be filed with the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
19.32 Council within 15 days of execution.

19.33 (i) A recipient of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund must erect
19.34 signage according to Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10.

20.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
20.2 to read:

20.3 Subd. 14. **Purchase of recycled and recyclable materials.** A political subdivision,
20.4 public or private corporation, or other entity that receives money appropriated from the
20.5 outdoor heritage fund must use the money in compliance with sections 16B.121, regarding
20.6 purchase of recycled, repairable, and durable materials, and 16B.122, regarding purchase
20.7 and use of paper stock and printing.

20.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
20.9 to read:

20.10 Subd. 15. **Land acquisition restrictions.** (a) An interest in real property, including,
20.11 but not limited to, an easement or fee title, that is acquired with money appropriated
20.12 from the outdoor heritage fund must be used in perpetuity or for the specific term of an
20.13 easement interest for the purpose for which the appropriation was made. The ownership
20.14 of the interest in real property transfers to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in
20.15 real property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or
20.16 accomplishment plan; or (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use for the
20.17 intended purpose as specified in the appropriation.

20.18 (b) A recipient of funding that acquires an interest in real property subject to this
20.19 subdivision may not alter the intended use of the interest in real property or convey any
20.20 interest in the real property acquired with the appropriation without the prior review and
20.21 approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor. The council
20.22 shall notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
20.23 divisions with jurisdiction over the outdoor heritage fund at least 15 business days before
20.24 approval under this paragraph. The council shall establish procedures to review requests
20.25 from recipients to alter the use of or convey an interest in real property. These procedures
20.26 shall allow for the replacement of the interest in real property with another interest in real
20.27 property meeting the following criteria:

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

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

20.33 (c) A recipient of funding who acquires an interest in real property under paragraph
20.34 (a) must separately record a notice of funding restrictions in the appropriate local

21.1 government office where the conveyance of the interest in real property is filed. The
21.2 notice of funding agreement must contain:

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

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

21.6 (3) a reference to this section; and

21.7 (4) the following statement: "This interest in real property shall be administered in
21.8 accordance with the terms, conditions, and purposes of the grant agreement controlling the
21.9 acquisition of the property. The interest in real property, or any portion of the interest in
21.10 real property, shall not be sold, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or further
21.11 encumbered without obtaining the prior written approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
21.12 Heritage Council or its successor. The ownership of the interest in real property transfers to
21.13 the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real property fails to comply with the terms and
21.14 conditions of the grant agreement or accomplishment plan; or (2) restrictions are placed
21.15 on the land that preclude its use for the intended purpose as specified in the appropriation."

21.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
21.17 to read:

21.18 Subd. 16. **Real property interest report.** (a) By December 1 each year, a recipient
21.19 of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that is used for the acquisition of an
21.20 interest in real property, including, but not limited to, an easement or fee title, must submit
21.21 annual reports on the status of the real property to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
21.22 Council or its successor in a form determined by the council. If lands are acquired by fee
21.23 with money from the outdoor heritage fund, the real property interest report must include
21.24 a verification of the status of the hunting and fishing management plan for the lands
21.25 acquired by fee. The responsibility for reporting under this subdivision may be transferred
21.26 by the recipient of the appropriation to another person or entity that holds the interest in
21.27 the real property. To complete the transfer of reporting responsibility, the recipient of
21.28 the appropriation must:

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

21.31 (2) inform the person to whom the responsibility is transferred of the property
21.32 restrictions under subdivision 15; and

21.33 (3) provide written notice to the council of the transfer of reporting responsibility,
21.34 including contact information for the person to whom the responsibility is transferred.

22.1 (b) After the transfer, the person or entity that holds the interest in the real property
22.2 is responsible for reporting requirements under this subdivision.

22.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
22.4 to read:

22.5 Subd. 17. **Easement monitoring and enforcement requirements.** Money
22.6 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund for easement monitoring and enforcement
22.7 may be spent only on activities included in an easement monitoring and enforcement
22.8 plan contained within the accomplishment plan. Money received for monitoring and
22.9 enforcement, including earnings on the money received, shall be kept in a monitoring
22.10 and enforcement fund held by the organization and is appropriated for monitoring and
22.11 enforcing conservation easements in the state. Within 120 days after the close of the
22.12 entity's fiscal year, an entity receiving appropriations for easement monitoring and
22.13 enforcement must provide an annual financial report to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
22.14 Heritage Council on the easement monitoring and enforcement fund as specified in the
22.15 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund for monitoring
22.16 and enforcement of easements and earnings on the money appropriated shall revert
22.17 to the state if:

- 22.18 (1) the easement transfers to the state under subdivision 15;
22.19 (2) the holder of the easement fails to file an annual report and then fails to cure that
22.20 default within 30 days of notification of the default by the state; or
22.21 (3) the holder of the easement fails to comply with the terms of the monitoring and
22.22 enforcement plan contained within the accomplishment plan and fails to cure that default
22.23 within 90 days of notification of the default by the state.

22.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
22.25 to read:

22.26 Subd. 18. **Successor organizations.** The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
22.27 may approve the continuation of a project with an organization that has adopted a new
22.28 name. Continuation of a project with an organization that has undergone a significant
22.29 change in mission, structure, or purpose requires:

22.30 (1) notice to the chairs of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction
22.31 over the outdoor heritage fund; and

22.32 (2) presentation by the council of proposed legislation either ratifying or rejecting
22.33 continued involvement with the new organization.

23.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a
23.2 subdivision to read:

23.3 Subd. 19. Fee title acquisition; open season. (a) Lands acquired by fee with
23.4 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that are held by the state must be open
23.5 to the public taking of fish and game during the open season, unless otherwise provided by
23.6 state law.

23.7 (b) Lands acquired by fee with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
23.8 that are held by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be open to the public taking of
23.9 fish and game during the open season according to the National Wildlife Refuge System
23.10 Improvement Act, United States Code, title 16, section 668dd, et seq.

23.11 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (b), lands acquired by fee with money
23.12 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that are held by a nonstate entity must be open
23.13 to the public taking of fish and game during the open season, unless otherwise prescribed
23.14 by the commissioner of natural resources.

23.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2009.

23.16 **ARTICLE 2**

23.17 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

23.18 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 7, is amended
23.19 to read:

23.20	Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL			27,534,000
23.21	RESOURCES	\$	27,534,000	\$ <u>31,734,000</u>

23.22 (a) \$13,750,000 the first year and
23.23 ~~\$13,750,000~~ \$15,350,000 the second year are
23.24 for pollution reduction and restoration grants
23.25 to local government units and joint powers
23.26 organizations of local government units to
23.27 protect surface water and drinking water; to
23.28 keep water on the land; to protect, enhance,
23.29 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers,
23.30 and streams; and to protect groundwater
23.31 and drinking water, including feedlot water
23.32 quality and subsurface sewage treatment
23.33 system (SSTS) projects and stream bank,
23.34 stream channel, and shoreline restoration

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24.1 projects. The projects must be of long-lasting
24.2 public benefit, include a match, and be
24.3 consistent with TMDL implementation plans
24.4 or local water management plans.

24.5 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and ~~\$3,000,000~~
24.6 \$3,600,000 the second year are for targeted
24.7 local resource protection and enhancement
24.8 grants. The board shall give priority
24.9 consideration to projects and practices
24.10 that complement, supplement, or exceed
24.11 current state standards for protection,
24.12 enhancement, and restoration of water
24.13 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that
24.14 protect groundwater from degradation. Of
24.15 this amount, at least \$1,500,000 each year is
24.16 for county SSTS implementation.

24.17 (c) \$900,000 the first year and ~~\$900,000~~
24.18 \$1,200,000 the second year are to
24.19 provide state oversight and accountability,
24.20 evaluate results, and develop an electronic
24.21 system to measure and track the value of
24.22 conservation program implementation by
24.23 local governments, including submission
24.24 to the legislature by March 1 each year
24.25 an annual report prepared by the board,
24.26 in consultation with the commissioners of
24.27 natural resources, health, agriculture, and
24.28 the Pollution Control Agency, detailing the
24.29 recipients and projects funded under this
24.30 section. The board shall require grantees to
24.31 specify the outcomes that will be achieved
24.32 by the grants prior to any grant awards.

24.33 (d) \$1,000,000 the first year and ~~\$1,000,000~~
24.34 \$1,700,000 the second year are for technical
24.35 assistance and grants for the conservation

25.1 drainage program in consultation with
25.2 the Drainage Work Group, created under
25.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101,
25.4 subdivision 13, that consists of projects to
25.5 retrofit ~~existing~~ or supplement drainage
25.6 systems with water quality improvement
25.7 practices, evaluate outcomes, and provide
25.8 outreach to landowners, public drainage
25.9 authorities, drainage engineers and
25.10 contractors, and others. The board shall
25.11 coordinate practice standards with the United
25.12 States Department of Agriculture, Natural
25.13 Resources Conservation Service, and seek to
25.14 leverage federal funds as part of conservation
25.15 drainage program implementation.

25.16 (e) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
25.17 the second year are to purchase and restore
25.18 permanent conservation easements on
25.19 riparian buffers adjacent to public waters,
25.20 excluding wetlands, to keep water on the
25.21 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,
25.22 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic
25.23 impacts to surface waters; and increase
25.24 infiltration for groundwater recharge. The
25.25 riparian buffers must be at least 50 feet
25.26 unless there is a natural impediment, a road,
25.27 or other impediment beyond the control
25.28 of the landowner. This appropriation may
25.29 be used for restoration of riparian buffers
25.30 protected by easements purchased with
25.31 this appropriation and for stream bank
25.32 restorations when the riparian buffers have
25.33 been restored.

25.34 (f) \$1,300,000 the first year and ~~\$1,300,000~~
25.35 \$2,300,000 the second year are for
25.36 permanent conservation easements on

26.1 wellhead protection areas under Minnesota
26.2 Statutes, section 103F.515, subdivision 2,
26.3 paragraph (d). Priority must be placed on
26.4 land that is located where the vulnerability
26.5 of the drinking water supply is designated
26.6 as high or very high by the commissioner
26.7 of health. The board shall coordinate
26.8 with the United States Geological Survey,
26.9 the commissioners of health and natural
26.10 resources, and local communities contained
26.11 in the Decorah and St. Lawrence Edge areas
26.12 of Winona, Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha
26.13 Counties, to obtain easements in identified
26.14 areas as having the most vulnerability to
26.15 groundwater contamination.

26.16 (g) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
26.17 the second year are for community partners
26.18 grants to local units of government for:
26.19 (1) structural or vegetative management
26.20 practices that reduce storm water runoff
26.21 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
26.22 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
26.23 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
26.24 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
26.25 and streams and to protect groundwater
26.26 and drinking water; and (2) installation
26.27 of proven and effective water retention
26.28 practices including, but not limited to, rain
26.29 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
26.30 basins and sediment control basins in order
26.31 to keep water on the land. The projects
26.32 must be of long-lasting public benefit,
26.33 include a local match, and be consistent with
26.34 TMDL implementation plans or local water
26.35 management plans. Local government unit

27.1 staff and administration costs may be used
27.2 as a match.

27.3 (h) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
27.4 second year are for a technical evaluation
27.5 panel to conduct up to ten restoration
27.6 evaluations under Minnesota Statutes,
27.7 section 114D.50, subdivision 6.

27.8 (i) The board shall contract for services
27.9 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
27.10 restoration, maintenance, and other activities
27.11 under this section for \$500,000 the first year
27.12 and \$500,000 the second year.

27.13 (j) The board may shift grant or cost-share
27.14 funds in this section and may adjust the
27.15 technical and administrative assistance
27.16 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
27.17 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
27.18 responsibilities or high-priority needs
27.19 identified in local water management plans.

27.20 (k) The appropriations in this section are
27.21 available until June 30, 2016.

27.22 **Sec. 2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**
27.23 **CENTER; APPROPRIATION.**

27.24 \$1,800,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the clean water fund to the Board
27.25 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and implement an Aquatic Invasive
27.26 Species Cooperative Research Center. As a condition of receiving this appropriation, the
27.27 University of Minnesota is requested to collaborate with the commissioner of natural
27.28 resources in developing solutions to control aquatic invasive species. A portion of this
27.29 appropriation may be used for educating and engaging citizens on preventing the spread of
27.30 aquatic invasive species. Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities
27.31 unless they are directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. Money
27.32 appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
27.33 overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this
27.34 section. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 3

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

28.1
28.2
28.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 85.535, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

28.4 Subd. 3. ~~Match Grant amount. Recipients must provide a nonstate cash match~~
28.5 ~~of at least 25 percent of the total eligible project costs~~ A grant amount is not subject to a
28.6 maximum grant award limitation.

28.7 Sec. 2. Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

28.8 Sec. 3. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** \$ 12,641,000 \$ 15,140,000

28.9 (a) \$12,641,000 the first year and
28.10 \$15,140,000 the second year are from the
28.11 parks and trails fund to be distributed as
28.12 required under new Minnesota Statutes,
28.13 section 85.535, subdivision 3, except that
28.14 of this amount, \$40,000 the first year is
28.15 for a grant to Hennepin County to plant
28.16 trees along the Victory Memorial Parkway.
28.17 Appropriations for fiscal year 2011 are
28.18 available for use until June 30, 2013. If
28.19 a project receives federal funds, the time
28.20 period of the appropriation is extended to
28.21 equal the availability of federal funding.

28.22 (b) The Metropolitan Council shall submit
28.23 a report on the expenditure and use of
28.24 money appropriated under this section to
28.25 the legislature as provided in Minnesota
28.26 Statutes, section 3.195, by March 1 of each
28.27 year. The report must detail the outcomes in
28.28 terms of additional use of parks and trails
28.29 resources, user satisfaction surveys, and
28.30 other appropriate outcomes.

28.31 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
28.32 Metropolitan Council and recipients of
28.33 money appropriated under this section shall

29.1 ensure that the funds are used to supplement
29.2 and not substitute for traditional sources of
29.3 funding.

29.4 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
29.5 appropriations under this section shall
29.6 give consideration to contracting with the
29.7 Minnesota Conservation Corps for contract
29.8 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

29.9 **ARTICLE 4**

29.10 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND**

29.11 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision
29.12 9, is amended to read:

29.13			4,213,000
29.14	Subd. 9. Emerging Issues	4,522,000	<u>3,213,000</u>

29.15 (a) **Minnesota Conservation Apprentice**
29.16 **Academy**

29.17 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
29.18 second year are from the trust fund to
29.19 the Board of Water and Soil Resources
29.20 in cooperation with Conservation Corps
29.21 Minnesota to train and mentor future
29.22 conservation professionals by providing
29.23 apprenticeship service opportunities to
29.24 soil and water conservation districts. This
29.25 appropriation is available until June 30,
29.26 2014, by which time the project must be
29.27 completed and the final products delivered.

29.28 (b) **Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal**
29.29 **Health**

29.30 \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
29.31 second year are from the trust fund to the
29.32 commissioner of natural resources to address
29.33 chronic wasting disease and accelerate

30.1 wildlife health programs, including activities
30.2 directly related to and necessary for this
30.3 appropriation.

30.4 **(c) Aquatic Invasive Species**

30.5 \$2,177,000 the first year and ~~\$3,513,000~~
30.6 \$2,513,000 the second year are from the
30.7 trust fund to the commissioner of natural
30.8 resources to accelerate aquatic invasive
30.9 species programs, including the development
30.10 and implementation of best management
30.11 practices for public water access facilities
30.12 to implement aquatic invasive species
30.13 prevention strategies, including activities
30.14 directly related to and necessary for this
30.15 appropriation. \$50,000 is for a grant
30.16 to develop and produce a documentary
30.17 identifying the challenges presented by
30.18 aquatic invasive species. The documentary
30.19 shall be available to the Department of
30.20 Natural Resources to distribute to watercraft
30.21 license purchasers and the general public
30.22 through online and other media.

30.23 **(d) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands**

30.24 **Reserve Acquisition and Restoration**

30.25 **Program Partnership**

30.26 \$1,645,000 the first year is to the Board
30.27 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
30.28 permanent conservation easements and
30.29 restore wetlands and associated upland
30.30 habitat in cooperation with the United States
30.31 Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve
30.32 Program. A list of proposed land acquisitions
30.33 must be provided as part of the required work
30.34 program.

30.35 **(e) Limitation**

31.1 Appropriations in paragraphs (b) and (c) are
31.2 not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections
31.3 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and
31.4 116P.09, subdivision 4.

31.5 Sec. 2. **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**
31.6 **CENTER; APPROPRIATION.**

31.7 \$1,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the environment and natural
31.8 resources trust fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and
31.9 implement an Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Research Center. As a condition of
31.10 receiving this appropriation, the University of Minnesota is requested to collaborate with
31.11 the commissioner of natural resources in developing solutions to control aquatic invasive
31.12 species. Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are
31.13 directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. Money appropriated in
31.14 this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that
31.15 are not directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. This is a onetime
31.16 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2016.

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