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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance
February 16, 2010
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
February 22, 2010
Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and Read Second Time
March 15, 2010
Fiscal Calendar
Amended
Read Third Time as Amended
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural
1.3 resources.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA RESOURCES APPROPRIATION.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
1.7 agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the
1.8 environment and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for
1.9 the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2010" and "2011" used in this
1.10 act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending
1.11 June 30, 2010, or June 30, 2011, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2010. "The
1.12 second year" is fiscal year 2011. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2010 and 2011. The
1.13 appropriations in this act are onetime. Appropriations for fiscal year 2010 are available the
1.14 day following final enactment.

Table with 2 columns: 2010, 2011. Header: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30

1.19 Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES.

1.20 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriations \$ 418,000 \$ 25,611,000

Table with 3 columns: Appropriations by Fund, 2010, 2011. Row: Environment and natural resources trust fund

2.1 Appropriations are available for two  
 2.2 years beginning July 1, 2010, unless  
 2.3 otherwise stated in the appropriation. Any  
 2.4 unencumbered balance remaining in the first  
 2.5 year does not cancel and is available for the  
 2.6 second year.

2.7 **Subd. 2. Trust Fund Definition**

2.8 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota  
 2.9 environment and natural resources trust fund  
 2.10 referred to in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.11 116P.02, subdivision 6.

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

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2.14 **(a) County Geologic Atlases and Related**  
 2.15 **Hydrogeologic Research**

2.16 \$1,130,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 2.17 of Regents of the University of Minnesota for  
 2.18 the Geologic Survey to initiate and continue  
 2.19 the production of county geologic atlases,  
 2.20 establish hydrologic properties necessary to  
 2.21 water management, and investigate the use  
 2.22 of geochemical data in water management.  
 2.23 This appropriation represents a continuing  
 2.24 effort to complete the county geologic atlases  
 2.25 throughout the state. This appropriation  
 2.26 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
 2.27 time the project must be completed and final  
 2.28 products delivered.

2.29 **(b) Updating Minnesota Wetlands Inventory:**  
 2.30 **Phase 2**

2.31 \$1,100,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 2.32 commissioner of natural resources to  
 2.33 continue the update of wetland inventory  
 2.34 maps for Minnesota. This appropriation  
 2.35 is available until June 30, 2013, by which

3.1 time the project must be completed and final  
3.2 products delivered.

3.3 **(c) Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas**

3.4 \$372,000 is from the trust fund to continue  
3.5 development of a statewide survey of  
3.6 Minnesota breeding bird distribution and  
3.7 create related publications, including a book  
3.8 and online atlas with distribution maps  
3.9 and breeding status. Of this appropriation,  
3.10 \$211,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
3.11 resources for an agreement with Audubon  
3.12 Minnesota and \$161,000 is to the Board of  
3.13 Regents of the University of Minnesota for  
3.14 the Natural Resources Research Institute.  
3.15 The atlas must be available for downloading  
3.16 on the Internet free of charge.

3.17 **(d) Integrated, Operational Bird Conservation**  
3.18 **Plan for Minnesota**

3.19 \$151,000 is from the trust fund to the  
3.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.21 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to  
3.22 develop an integrated bird conservation plan  
3.23 targeting priority species and providing a  
3.24 framework for implementing coordinated,  
3.25 focused, and effective bird conservation  
3.26 throughout Minnesota.

3.27 **(e) Mitigating Pollinator Decline in Minnesota**

3.28 \$297,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
3.29 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
3.30 assess the role of insecticides in pollinator  
3.31 health in order to help mitigate pollinator  
3.32 decline. This appropriation is available  
3.33 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
3.34 project must be completed and final products  
3.35 delivered.

4.1 **(f) Science and Innovation from Soudan**  
4.2 **Underground Mine State Park**

4.3 \$545,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
4.4 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
4.5 to characterize unique microbes discovered  
4.6 in the Soudan Underground Mine State Park  
4.7 and investigate the potential application  
4.8 in bioenergy and bioremediation. This  
4.9 appropriation is available until June 30,  
4.10 2013, by which time the project must be  
4.11 completed and final products delivered.

4.12 **(g) Quantifying Carbon Burial in Wetlands**

4.13 \$144,000 is from the trust fund to the  
4.14 Board of Regents of the University of  
4.15 Minnesota to determine the potential for  
4.16 carbon sequestration in Minnesota's shallow  
4.17 lakes and wetlands. This appropriation is  
4.18 available until June 30, 2013, by which time  
4.19 the project must be completed and final  
4.20 products delivered.

4.21 **(h) Strategic Planning for Minnesota's Natural**  
4.22 **and Artificial Watersheds**

4.23 \$327,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
4.24 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
4.25 to identify the interrelationship between  
4.26 artificial systems of drain tiles and ditches  
4.27 and natural watersheds to guide placement  
4.28 of buffers and stream bed restoration and  
4.29 modification.

4.30 **(i) Ecosystem Services in Agricultural**  
4.31 **Watersheds**

4.32 \$247,000 is from the trust fund to the  
4.33 commissioner of natural resources for  
4.34 an agreement with the Chippewa River  
4.35 Watershed Project to develop local food and

5.1 perennial biofuels markets coupled with  
 5.2 conservation incentives to encourage farmers  
 5.3 to diversify land cover in the Chippewa  
 5.4 River Watershed supporting improvement to  
 5.5 water quality and habitat. This appropriation  
 5.6 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
 5.7 time the project must be completed and final  
 5.8 products delivered.

5.9 **(j) Farmland Conservation in Minnesota**

5.10 \$100,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 5.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 5.12 agreement with the Farmers Legal Action  
 5.13 Group, Inc. to assess the implementation of  
 5.14 applicable laws for preserving agricultural  
 5.15 land and develop a comprehensive and  
 5.16 systematic approach and policy tools to  
 5.17 preserve agricultural lands.

5.18 **(k) Identifying Critical Habitats for Moose in**  
 5.19 **Northeastern Minnesota**

5.20 \$507,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 5.21 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 5.22 for the Natural Resources Research Institute  
 5.23 to identify critical habitats for moose,  
 5.24 develop best management habitat protection  
 5.25 practices, and conduct educational outreach  
 5.26 in cooperation with the Minnesota Zoo.

5.27 This appropriation is available until June  
 5.28 30, 2013, by which time the project must be  
 5.29 completed and final products delivered.

5.30 **Subd. 4. Land, Habitat, and Recreation** 418,000 9,762,000

5.31 **(a) Ecological Restoration Training**  
 5.32 **Cooperative for Habitat Restoration**

5.33 \$550,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 5.34 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 5.35 for improving ecological restoration success

6.1 in Minnesota by developing and offering  
6.2 training programs for habitat restoration  
6.3 professionals. This appropriation is available  
6.4 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
6.5 project must be completed and final products  
6.6 delivered.

6.7 **(b) Scientific and Natural Areas and Native**  
6.8 **Prairie Restoration, Enhancement, and**  
6.9 **Acquisition**

6.10 \$1,368,100 is from the trust fund to the  
6.11 commissioner of natural resources to  
6.12 acquire lands with high quality native  
6.13 plant communities and rare features to be  
6.14 established as scientific and natural areas  
6.15 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.16 86A.05, subdivision 5, restore parts of  
6.17 scientific and natural areas, and provide  
6.18 assistance and incentives for native prairie  
6.19 landowners. A list of proposed acquisitions  
6.20 must be provided as part of the required  
6.21 work program. Land acquired with this  
6.22 appropriation must be sufficiently improved  
6.23 to meet at least minimum management  
6.24 standards as determined by the commissioner  
6.25 of natural resources. This appropriation  
6.26 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
6.27 time the project must be completed and final  
6.28 products delivered.

6.29 **(c) Park Improvement**

6.30 \$4,202,400 is from the trust fund to the  
6.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.32 improving parks for the state's citizens,  
6.33 including, but not limited to, repairing and  
6.34 improving park buildings and park trails.  
6.35 The commissioner shall distribute this  
6.36 amount equally to the state parks. None

7.1 of this amount shall be retained by the  
7.2 commissioner for administrative expenses.

7.3 **(d) Protection of Rare Granite Rock Outcrop**  
7.4 **Ecosystem**

7.5 \$1,800,000 is from the trust fund to the  
7.6 Board of Water and Soil Resources, in  
7.7 cooperation with the Renville Soil and Water  
7.8 Conservation District, to continue to acquire  
7.9 perpetual easements of unique granite rock  
7.10 outcrops, located in the Upper Minnesota  
7.11 River Valley. \$418,000 of this appropriation  
7.12 is for fiscal year 2010 and is available the  
7.13 day following final enactment.

7.14 **(e) Minnesota's Habitat Conservation**  
7.15 **Partnership Supplemental**

7.16 \$1,044,500 is added to Laws 2009, chapter  
7.17 143, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph  
7.18 (e), from the trust fund for the acceleration  
7.19 of agency programs and cooperative  
7.20 agreements. Of this appropriation, \$208,000  
7.21 is to the commissioner of natural resources  
7.22 for agency programs and \$836,500 is for  
7.23 agreements as follows: \$425,000 with Ducks  
7.24 Unlimited, Inc.; \$50,000 with National  
7.25 Wild Turkey Federation; \$164,500 with  
7.26 the Nature Conservancy; \$102,000 with  
7.27 Minnesota Land Trust; \$45,000 with Friends  
7.28 of Detroit Lakes Wetland Management  
7.29 District; and \$50,000 to the Leech Lake  
7.30 Band of Ojibwe to plan and restore landscape  
7.31 corridors that connect areas of quality habitat  
7.32 to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. The  
7.33 United States Department of Agriculture  
7.34 Natural Resources Conservation Service  
7.35 is an authorized cooperating partner in the  
7.36 appropriation. Expenditures are limited to

8.1 the project corridor areas as defined in the  
8.2 work program. This appropriation may  
8.3 not be used for the purchase of residential  
8.4 structures, unless expressly approved  
8.5 in the work program. All conservation  
8.6 easements must be perpetual and have  
8.7 a natural resource management plan. A  
8.8 list of proposed restorations and easement  
8.9 acquisitions must be provided as part of  
8.10 the required work program. All funding  
8.11 for conservation easements must include a  
8.12 long-term stewardship plan and funding for  
8.13 monitoring and enforcing the agreement.

8.14 **(f) Metropolitan Conservation Corridors**  
8.15 **Supplemental**

8.16 \$535,000 is added to Laws 2009, chapter  
8.17 143, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (f),  
8.18 from the trust fund to the commissioner of  
8.19 natural resources for acceleration of agency  
8.20 programs and cooperative agreements.

8.21 Of this appropriation, \$535,000 is for  
8.22 agreements as follows: \$485,000 with  
8.23 Minnesota Land Trust; and \$50,000 with  
8.24 Friends of the Minnesota Valley for planning,  
8.25 restoring, and protecting important natural  
8.26 areas in the metropolitan area, as defined  
8.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,  
8.28 subdivision 2, and portions of the surrounding  
8.29 counties, through grants, contracted services,  
8.30 technical assistance, conservation easements,  
8.31 and fee title acquisition. Land acquired  
8.32 with this appropriation must be sufficiently  
8.33 improved to meet at least minimum  
8.34 management standards as determined by  
8.35 the commissioner of natural resources.

8.36 Expenditures are limited to the identified



9.1 project corridor areas as defined in the work  
9.2 program. This appropriation may not be used  
9.3 for the purchase of residential structures,  
9.4 unless expressly approved in the work  
9.5 program. All conservation easements must  
9.6 be perpetual and have a natural resource  
9.7 management plan. Any land acquired in fee  
9.8 title by the commissioner of natural resources  
9.9 with money from this appropriation must  
9.10 be designated as an outdoor recreation unit  
9.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07.  
9.12 The commissioner may similarly designate  
9.13 any lands acquired in less than fee title. A  
9.14 list of proposed restorations and fee title  
9.15 and easement acquisitions must be provided  
9.16 as part of the required work program. All  
9.17 funding for conservation easements must  
9.18 include a long-term stewardship plan and  
9.19 funding for monitoring and enforcing the  
9.20 agreement.

9.21 **(g) Conserving Sensitive and Priority**  
9.22 **Shorelands in Cass County**

9.23 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the  
9.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.25 agreement with Cass County to provide  
9.26 assistance for the donation of perpetual  
9.27 conservation easements to protect sensitive  
9.28 shoreland parcels for long-term protection  
9.29 of recreation, water quality, and critical  
9.30 habitat in north central Minnesota. This  
9.31 appropriation is available until June 30,  
9.32 2013, by which time the project must be  
9.33 completed and final products delivered.

9.34 **(h) Reconnecting Fragmented Prairie**  
9.35 **Landscapes**

10.1 \$380,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 10.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.3 agreement with the Nature Conservancy  
 10.4 to develop prairie landscape design plans  
 10.5 and monitoring protocol involving local  
 10.6 landowners and businesses to guide  
 10.7 conservation, restoration, and related  
 10.8 economic development. This appropriation  
 10.9 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
 10.10 time the project must be completed and final  
 10.11 products delivered.

10.12 **Subd. 5. Water Resources** -0- 3,455,000

10.13 **(a) Understanding Sources of Aquatic**  
 10.14 **Contaminants of Emerging Concern**

10.15 \$640,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 10.16 Board of Regents of the University of  
 10.17 Minnesota to identify chemical markers to  
 10.18 characterize sources of endocrine disruptors  
 10.19 and pharmaceuticals entering surface waters  
 10.20 in the Zumbro River Watershed. This  
 10.21 appropriation is available until June 30,  
 10.22 2013, by which time the project must be  
 10.23 completed and final products delivered.

10.24 **(b) Managing Mineland Sulfate Release in St.**  
 10.25 **Louis River Basin**

10.26 \$270,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 10.27 commissioner of natural resources to map  
 10.28 current sulfate sources and assess treatment  
 10.29 options to minimize potential impacts of  
 10.30 mercury on fish and wildlife from sulfate  
 10.31 releases in the St. Louis River Basin. This  
 10.32 appropriation is available until June 30,  
 10.33 2013, by which time the project must be  
 10.34 completed and final products delivered.

10.35 **(c) Ecological Impacts of Effluent in Surface**  
 10.36 **Waters and Fish**

11.1 \$340,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
11.2 of Regents of the University of Minnesota in  
11.3 cooperation with St. Cloud State University  
11.4 to determine the chemical and biological  
11.5 fate of phytoestrogens in surface waters  
11.6 and the impacts on fish. This appropriation  
11.7 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
11.8 time the project must be completed and final  
11.9 products delivered.

11.10 **(d) Mapleton Area Agricultural and Urban**  
11.11 **Runoff Water Quality Treatment Analysis**

11.12 \$485,000 is from the trust fund to the  
11.13 Board of Water and Soil Resources for  
11.14 an agreement with the Blue Earth County  
11.15 Drainage Authority to reduce soil erosion,  
11.16 peak water flows, and nutrient loading  
11.17 through a demonstration model evaluating  
11.18 storage and treatment options in drainage  
11.19 systems in order to improve water quality.  
11.20 This appropriation is available until June  
11.21 30, 2014, by which time the project must be  
11.22 completed and final products delivered.

11.23 **(e) Assessing Septic System Discharge to Lakes**

11.24 \$594,000 is from the trust fund to the  
11.25 commissioner of health for department  
11.26 activities and for an agreement with the  
11.27 United States Geologic Survey in cooperation  
11.28 with St. Cloud State University to develop  
11.29 quantitative data on septic system discharge  
11.30 of estrogenic and pharmaceutical compounds  
11.31 and assess septic and watershed influences  
11.32 on levels of contamination and biological  
11.33 responses in Minnesota lakes. The United  
11.34 States Geologic Survey is not subject to the  
11.35 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section

12.1 116P.10. This appropriation is available  
12.2 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
12.3 project must be completed and final products  
12.4 delivered.

12.5 **(f) Evaluation of Dioxins in Minnesota Lakes**

12.6 \$264,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
12.7 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
12.8 to examine the concentration of dioxins in  
12.9 lake sediment and options to improve water  
12.10 quality in lakes.

12.11 **(g) Assessment of Shallow Lake Management**

12.12 \$262,000 is from the trust fund to the  
12.13 commissioner of natural resources to  
12.14 evaluate the major causes of deterioration  
12.15 of shallow lakes in Minnesota and evaluate  
12.16 results of current management efforts. This  
12.17 appropriation is available until June 30,  
12.18 2013, by which time the project must be  
12.19 completed and final products delivered.

12.20 **(h) Assessing Cumulative Impacts of Shoreline**  
12.21 **Development**

12.22 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
12.23 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
12.24 evaluate near-shore, in-water habitat impacts  
12.25 from shoreline development activities to  
12.26 assist in the design and implementation of  
12.27 management practices protecting critical  
12.28 shorelands and aquatic habitat. This  
12.29 appropriation is available until June 30,  
12.30 2013, by which time the project must be  
12.31 completed and final products delivered.

12.32 **(i) Predicting and Mitigating Vulnerability of**  
12.33 **Trout Streams**

12.34 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the  
12.35 Board of Regents of the University of

- 13.1 Minnesota to assess cold water aquatic
- 13.2 insect abundance related to warming water
- 13.3 temperatures as predictors of trout growth in
- 13.4 southeastern Minnesota and assess options
- 13.5 to minimize stream temperature changes.
- 13.6 This appropriation is available until June
- 13.7 30, 2013, by which time the project must be
- 13.8 completed and final products delivered.
- 13.9 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**
- 13.10 **Species** -0- 1,470,000
  
- 13.11 **(a) Biological Control of European Buckthorn**
- 13.12 **and Garlic Mustard**
  
- 13.13 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the
- 13.14 commissioner of natural resources in
- 13.15 cooperation with the commissioner of
- 13.16 agriculture to continue the development
- 13.17 and implementation of biological control
- 13.18 for European buckthorn and garlic mustard.
- 13.19 This appropriation is available until June
- 13.20 30, 2013, by which time the project must be
- 13.21 completed and final products delivered.
  
- 13.22 **(b) Ecological and Hydrological Impacts of**
- 13.23 **Emerald Ash Borer**
  
- 13.24 \$636,000 is from the trust fund to the Board
- 13.25 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to
- 13.26 assess the potential impacts of emerald ash
- 13.27 borer on Minnesota's black ash forests and
- 13.28 quantify potential impacts on native forest
- 13.29 vegetation, invasive species spread, and
- 13.30 hydrology. This appropriation is available
- 13.31 until June 30, 2015, by which time the
- 13.32 project must be completed and final products
- 13.33 delivered.
  
- 13.34 **(c) Healthy Forests to Resist Invasion**

14.1 \$359,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 14.2 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
 14.3 assess the role of forest health management  
 14.4 in resisting infestation of invasive species.  
 14.5 This appropriation is available until June  
 14.6 30, 2013, by which time the project must be  
 14.7 completed and final products delivered.

14.8 **(d) Bioacoustic Traps for Management of**  
 14.9 **Round Goby**

14.10 \$175,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 14.11 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 14.12 to evaluate bioacoustic technology specific  
 14.13 to invasive round goby in Lake Superior as  
 14.14 a method for early detection and population  
 14.15 reduction. This appropriation is available  
 14.16 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
 14.17 project must be completed and final products  
 14.18 delivered.

14.19 **Subd. 7. Renewable Energy** -0- 3,364,000

14.20 **(a) Algae for Fuels Pilot Project**

14.21 \$900,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 14.22 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 14.23 to demonstrate an innovative microalgae  
 14.24 production system utilizing and treating  
 14.25 sanitary wastewater to produce biofuels  
 14.26 from algae. This appropriation is available  
 14.27 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
 14.28 project must be completed and final products  
 14.29 delivered.

14.30 **(b) Sustainable Biofuels: Impacts of Climate**  
 14.31 **Change and Management**

14.32 \$221,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 14.33 Board of Regents of the University of  
 14.34 Minnesota to determine how climate change,  
 14.35 fertilization, and irrigation impact yields of

15.1 grass monoculture and high diversity prairie  
15.2 biofuel crops, their storage of soil carbon, and  
15.3 susceptibility to invasion by exotic species.

15.4 This appropriation is available until June  
15.5 30, 2013, by which time the project must be  
15.6 completed and final products delivered.

15.7 **(c) Linking Habitat Restoration to Bioenergy**  
15.8 **and Local Economies**

15.9 \$600,000 is from the trust fund to the  
15.10 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
15.11 high quality native habitats and expand  
15.12 market opportunities for utilizing postharvest  
15.13 restoration as a bioenergy source. This  
15.14 appropriation is available until June 30,  
15.15 2013, by which time the project must be  
15.16 completed and final products delivered.

15.17 **(d) Demonstrating Sustainable Energy**  
15.18 **Practices at Residential Environmental**  
15.19 **Learning Centers (RELCs)**

15.20 \$1,500,000 is from the trust fund to  
15.21 the commissioner of natural resources  
15.22 for agreements as follows: \$206,000  
15.23 with Audubon Center of the North  
15.24 Woods; \$212,000 with Deep Portage  
15.25 Learning Center; \$350,000 with Eagle  
15.26 Bluff Environmental Learning Center;  
15.27 \$258,000 with Laurentian Environmental  
15.28 Learning Center; \$240,000 with Long  
15.29 Lake Conservation Center; and \$234,000  
15.30 with Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning  
15.31 Center to implement renewable energy,  
15.32 energy efficiency, and energy conservation  
15.33 practices at the facilities. Efforts will include  
15.34 dissemination of related energy education.

15.35 **(e) Life Cycle Analysis of Options for**  
15.36 **Minnesota's Energy Needs**

16.1 \$143,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 16.2 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 16.3 for a life cycle analysis of low carbon energy  
 16.4 technologies available to implement in  
 16.5 Minnesota.

16.6 **Subd. 8. Environmental Education** -0- 2,640,000

16.7 **(a) Minnesota Conservation Apprenticeship**  
 16.8 **Academy**

16.9 \$368,000 is from the trust fund to the Board  
 16.10 of Water and Soil Resources in cooperation  
 16.11 with the Minnesota Conservation Corps  
 16.12 or its successor to train and mentor future  
 16.13 conservation professionals by providing  
 16.14 apprenticeship service opportunities to  
 16.15 soil and water conservation districts. This  
 16.16 appropriation is available until June 30,  
 16.17 2013, by which time the project must be  
 16.18 completed and the final products delivered.

16.19 **(b) Engaging Students in Environmental**  
 16.20 **Stewardship through Adventure Learning**

16.21 \$250,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 16.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 16.23 agreement with the Will Steger Foundation  
 16.24 to provide curriculum, teacher training,  
 16.25 online learning, and grants to schools  
 16.26 on investigating the connection between  
 16.27 Minnesota's changing climate and the  
 16.28 impacts on ecosystems and natural resources.  
 16.29 This appropriation is available until June  
 16.30 30, 2013, by which time the project must be  
 16.31 completed and final products delivered.

16.32 **(c) Youth Connection to Nature Through**  
 16.33 **Digital Photography**

16.34 \$160,000 is from the trust fund to the  
 16.35 commissioner of natural resources to hold



17.1 teacher training workshops on the use of  
17.2 digital photography as a tool for learning  
17.3 about nature. The equipment must be  
17.4 provided from other funds.

17.5 **(d) Urban Wilderness Youth Outdoor**  
17.6 **Education**

17.7 \$557,000 is from the trust fund to the  
17.8 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.9 an agreement with Wilderness Inquiry to  
17.10 provide an outdoor education and recreation  
17.11 program on the Mississippi River. This  
17.12 appropriation is available until June 30,  
17.13 2013, by which time the project must be  
17.14 completed and final products delivered.

17.15 **(e) Urban Woodland Como Regional Park**

17.16 \$218,000 is from the trust fund to the  
17.17 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.18 an agreement with the city of St. Paul,  
17.19 Department of Parks and Recreation, to  
17.20 restore and develop an outdoor classroom  
17.21 for ecological education and historical  
17.22 interpretation at Como Regional Park in  
17.23 St. Paul. This appropriation is available  
17.24 until June 30, 2013, by which time the  
17.25 project must be completed and final products  
17.26 delivered.

17.27 **(f) Expanding Outdoor Classrooms at**  
17.28 **Minnesota Schools**

17.29 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the  
17.30 commissioner of natural resources to  
17.31 establish additional and enhance existing  
17.32 outdoor school forest and prairie classroom  
17.33 networks throughout Minnesota.

17.34 **(g) Integrating Environmental and Outdoor**  
17.35 **Education in Grades 7-12**

18.1 \$300,000 is from the trust fund to the  
18.2 commissioner of education in cooperation  
18.3 with the commissioner of natural resources  
18.4 to train and support grade 7-12 teachers  
18.5 to integrate environmental and outdoor  
18.6 education into the instruction of academic  
18.7 standards.

18.8 **(h) Project Get Outdoors**

18.9 \$15,000 is from the trust fund to the  
18.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.11 agreement with Project Get Outdoors, Inc. to  
18.12 develop out of school programs connecting  
18.13 children to local nature experiences.

18.14 **(i) Fishing: Cross Cultural Gateway to**  
18.15 **Environmental Education**

18.16 \$155,000 is from the trust fund to the  
18.17 commissioner of natural resources for  
18.18 an agreement with the Association for  
18.19 the Advancement of Hmong Women  
18.20 in Minnesota to provide environmental  
18.21 information and teaching skills to and  
18.22 increase participation of Southeast Asian  
18.23 communities through the gateway of fishing  
18.24 skills. Information on mercury in fish  
18.25 advisories must be included as part of the  
18.26 educational outreach. This appropriation  
18.27 is available until June 30, 2013, by which  
18.28 time the project must be completed and final  
18.29 products delivered.

18.30 **(j) Minnesota WolfLink**

18.31 \$193,000 is from the trust fund to the  
18.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.33 agreement with the International Wolf Center  
18.34 to develop interactive onsite and distance  
18.35 learning about wolves and their habitat.

19.1 This appropriation is available until June  
19.2 30, 2013, by which time the project must be  
19.3 completed and final products delivered.

19.4 **(k) Online Field Trip of Minnesota River**

19.5 \$124,000 is from the trust fund to the  
19.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.7 agreement with Minnesota State University  
19.8 - Mankato to develop online educational  
19.9 materials on the Minnesota River for schools  
19.10 and outreach centers.

19.11 **Subd. 9. Availability of Appropriations**

19.12 Money appropriated in this section may  
19.13 not be spent on activities unless they are  
19.14 directly related to the specific appropriation  
19.15 and are specified in the approved work  
19.16 program. Money appropriated in this section  
19.17 must not be spent on indirect costs or other  
19.18 institutional overhead charges. Unless  
19.19 otherwise provided, the amounts in this  
19.20 section are available until June 30, 2012,  
19.21 when projects must be completed and final  
19.22 products delivered. For acquisition of real  
19.23 property, the amounts in this section are  
19.24 available until June 30, 2013, if a binding  
19.25 contract is entered into by June 30, 2012,  
19.26 and closed not later than June 30, 2013. If  
19.27 a project receives a federal grant, the time  
19.28 period of the appropriation is extended to  
19.29 equal the federal grant period.

19.30 **Subd. 10. Data Availability Requirements**

19.31 Data collected by the projects funded under  
19.32 this section must conform to guidelines and  
19.33 standards adopted by the Office of Enterprise  
19.34 Technology. Spatial data also must conform

20.1 to additional guidelines and standards  
20.2 designed to support data coordination and  
20.3 distribution that have been published by the  
20.4 Minnesota Geospatial Information Office.  
20.5 Descriptions of spatial data must be prepared  
20.6 as specified in the state's geographic metadata  
20.7 guideline and must be submitted to the  
20.8 Minnesota Geospatial Information Office.  
20.9 All data must be accessible and free to the  
20.10 public unless made private under the Data  
20.11 Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
20.12 13.  
20.13 To the extent practicable, summary data and  
20.14 results of projects funded under this section  
20.15 should be readily accessible on the Internet  
20.16 and identified as an environment and natural  
20.17 resources trust fund project.

20.18 **Subd. 11. Project Requirements**

20.19 (a) As a condition of accepting an  
20.20 appropriation under this section, any agency  
20.21 or entity receiving an appropriation must  
20.22 comply with paragraphs (b) to (h) and  
20.23 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, for any  
20.24 project funded in whole or in part with funds  
20.25 from the appropriation.

20.26 (b) To the extent possible, a person  
20.27 conducting restoration with money  
20.28 appropriated under this section must plant  
20.29 vegetation only of ecotypes native to  
20.30 Minnesota and preferably of the local  
20.31 ecotype using a high diversity of species  
20.32 originating as close to the restoration site as  
20.33 possible and, when restoring prairies, protect  
20.34 existing prairies from genetic contamination.  
20.35 Use of seeds and plant materials beyond these

21.1 requirements must be expressly approved in  
21.2 the work program.

21.3 (c) All conservation easements acquired with  
21.4 money appropriated under this section must:

21.5 (1) be perpetual;

21.6 (2) specify the parties to an easement in the  
21.7 easement;

21.8 (3) specify all of the provisions of an  
21.9 agreement that are perpetual;

21.10 (4) be sent to the office of the  
21.11 Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
21.12 Minnesota Resources in an electronic format;

21.13 (5) include a long-term stewardship plan and  
21.14 funding for monitoring and enforcing the  
21.15 easement agreement; and

21.16 (6) include requirements in the easement  
21.17 document to address specific water quality  
21.18 protection activities such as keeping water  
21.19 on the landscape, reducing nutrient and  
21.20 contaminate loading, protecting groundwater,  
21.21 and not permitting artificial hydrological  
21.22 modifications.

21.23 (d) For all restorations conducted with money  
21.24 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
21.25 must prepare an ecological restoration  
21.26 and management plan that, to the degree  
21.27 practicable, is consistent with the highest  
21.28 quality conservation and ecological goals for  
21.29 the restoration site. Consideration should  
21.30 be given to soil, geology, topography, and  
21.31 other relevant factors that would provide  
21.32 the best chance for long-term success of the  
21.33 restoration projects. The plan must include  
21.34 the proposed timetable for implementing

22.1 the restoration, including site preparation,  
22.2 establishment of diverse plant species,  
22.3 maintenance, and additional enhancement to  
22.4 establish the restoration; identify long-term  
22.5 maintenance and management needs of  
22.6 the restoration and how the maintenance,  
22.7 management, and enhancement will be  
22.8 financed; and take advantage of the best  
22.9 available science and include innovative  
22.10 techniques to achieve the best restoration.

22.11 (e) For new lands acquired with money  
22.12 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
22.13 must prepare a restoration and management  
22.14 plan in compliance with paragraph  
22.15 (d) including sufficient funding for  
22.16 implementation.

22.17 (f) For any acquisition of land or interest in  
22.18 land, a recipient of money appropriated under  
22.19 this section must give priority to high quality  
22.20 natural resources or conservation lands that  
22.21 provide natural buffers to water resources.

22.22 (g) To ensure public accountability for the  
22.23 use of public funds, a recipient of money  
22.24 appropriated under this section must provide  
22.25 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
22.26 Minnesota Resources documentation of the  
22.27 selection process used to identify parcels  
22.28 acquired and provide documentation of all  
22.29 related transaction costs, including but not  
22.30 limited to appraisals, legal fees, recording  
22.31 fees, commissions, other similar costs,  
22.32 and donations. This information must be  
22.33 provided for all parties involved in the  
22.34 transaction. The recipient must also report  
22.35 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on

23.1 Minnesota Resources any difference between  
23.2 the acquisition amount paid to the seller  
23.3 and the state-certified or state-reviewed  
23.4 appraisal, if a state-certified or state-reviewed  
23.5 appraisal was conducted. Acquisition data  
23.6 such as appraisals may remain private  
23.7 during negotiations but must ultimately  
23.8 be made public according to Minnesota  
23.9 Statutes, chapter 13. The Legislative-Citizen  
23.10 Commission on Minnesota Resources shall  
23.11 review the requirement in this paragraph  
23.12 and provide a recommendation whether  
23.13 to continue or modify the requirement in  
23.14 future years. The commission may waive  
23.15 the application of this paragraph for specific  
23.16 projects.

23.17 (h) A recipient of money from an  
23.18 appropriation under this section must  
23.19 give consideration to contracting with  
23.20 the Minnesota Conservation Corps or  
23.21 its successor for contract restoration and  
23.22 enhancement services.

23.23 **Subd. 12. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
23.24 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.25 All agreements, grants, or contracts referred  
23.26 to in this section must be administered on  
23.27 a reimbursement basis unless otherwise  
23.28 provided in this section. Notwithstanding  
23.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,  
23.30 expenditures made on or after July 1,  
23.31 2010, or the date the work program is  
23.32 approved, whichever is later, are eligible for  
23.33 reimbursement unless otherwise provided  
23.34 in this section. Periodic payment must  
23.35 be made upon receiving documentation  
23.36 that the deliverable items articulated in

24.1 the approved work program have been  
24.2 achieved, including partial achievements  
24.3 as evidenced by approved progress reports.

24.4 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
24.5 projects to accommodate cash flow needs or  
24.6 match federal money. The advances must  
24.7 be approved as part of the work program.

24.8 No expenditures for capital equipment are  
24.9 allowed unless expressly authorized in the  
24.10 project work program.

24.11 **Subd. 13. Purchase of Recycled and Recyclable**  
24.12 **Materials**

24.13 A political subdivision, public or private  
24.14 corporation, or other entity that receives an  
24.15 appropriation under this section must use the  
24.16 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota  
24.17 Statutes, sections 16B.121, regarding  
24.18 purchase of recycled, repairable, and durable  
24.19 materials; and 16B.122, regarding purchase  
24.20 and use of paper stock and printing.

24.21 **Subd. 14. Energy Conservation and**  
24.22 **Sustainable Building Guidelines**

24.23 A recipient to whom an appropriation is made  
24.24 under this section for a capital improvement  
24.25 project must ensure that the project complies  
24.26 with the applicable energy conservation and  
24.27 sustainable building guidelines and standards  
24.28 contained in law, including Minnesota  
24.29 Statutes, sections 16B.325, 216C.19, and  
24.30 216C.20, and rules adopted under those  
24.31 sections. The recipient may use the energy  
24.32 planning, advocacy, and State Energy Office  
24.33 units of the Department of Commerce to  
24.34 obtain information and technical assistance  
24.35 on energy conservation and alternative  
24.36 energy development relating to the planning



- 25.1 and construction of the capital improvement  
25.2 project.
- 25.3 **Subd. 15. Accessibility**
- 25.4 Structural and nonstructural facilities must  
25.5 meet the design standards in the Americans  
25.6 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility  
25.7 guidelines.
- 25.8 **Subd. 16. Carryforward**
- 25.9 The availability of the appropriation for  
25.10 the following projects is extended to  
25.11 June 30, 2011: Laws 2009, chapter 143,  
25.12 section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (j),  
25.13 Land and Water Conservation Account  
25.14 (LAWCON) Federal Reimbursements;  
25.15 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), Vulnerability  
25.16 of Fish Populations in Lakes to Endocrine  
25.17 Disrupting Contaminants; and subdivision 6,  
25.18 paragraph (b), Emergency Delivery System  
25.19 Development for Disinfecting Ballast Water.