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H. F. No. 30

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy
- 01/14/2021 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 02/10/2021 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/17/2021 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; appropriating money from environment and natural

1.3 resources trust fund; modifying previous appropriations; amending Laws 2017,

1.4 chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 9, as amended; Laws 2018, chapter 214, article

1.5 4, section 2, subdivision 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

1.9 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the environment and

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

1.11 indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this act mean that the

1.12 appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or

1.13 June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal

1.14 year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

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| 1.15 | <b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>         |                    |  |
| 1.16 | <b><u>Available for the Year</u></b> |                    |  |
| 1.17 | <b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>         |                    |  |
| 1.18 | <b><u>2020</u></b>                   | <b><u>2021</u></b> |  |

1.19 Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES

1.20 Subdivision 1. Total

1.21 Appropriation \$ -0- \$ 61,387,000

1.22 The amounts that may be spent for each

1.23 purpose are specified in the following

1.24 subdivisions. Appropriations in the second

1.25 year are available for four years beginning

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

2.6 **Subd. 2. Definition**

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

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

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8,593,000

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

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

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

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

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

3.3 **(c) County Groundwater Atlas**

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

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

3.15 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust  
3.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
3.17 to improve wetland protection, management,  
3.18 and restoration in Minnesota by completing  
3.19 the partially established long-term Wetland  
3.20 Hydrology Monitoring Network that will  
3.21 provide critical knowledge of wetland  
3.22 hydrology dynamics. This appropriation is  
3.23 available until June 30, 2025, by which time  
3.24 the project must be completed and final  
3.25 products delivered.

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

3.27 \$575,000 the second year is from the trust  
3.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
3.29 of Minnesota to study summertime wolf  
3.30 predation on deer, moose, and other species  
3.31 in the Voyageurs region to inform  
3.32 management of wildlife. This appropriation  
3.33 is available until June 30, 2025, by which time  
3.34 the project must be completed and final  
3.35 products delivered.

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

4.3 \$489,000 the second year is from the trust  
4.4 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Garden to  
4.5 promote mussel conservation by rearing  
4.6 juvenile mussels for reintroduction,  
4.7 researching methods to improve growth and  
4.8 survival in captivity, and encouraging public  
4.9 action to benefit water quality. This  
4.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
4.11 by which time the project must be completed  
4.12 and final products delivered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6.5 \$190,000 the second year is from the trust  
6.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
6.7 to improve the survival of bats by identifying  
6.8 characteristics of successful artificial bat roost  
6.9 structures and optimizing the structures for  
6.10 bat use and reproduction. This appropriation  
6.11 is available until June 30, 2025, by which time  
6.12 the project must be completed and final  
6.13 products delivered.

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

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

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

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

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| 7.1  | <u>Subd. 4. <b>Water Resources</b></u>                        | -0- | <u>3,457,000</u> |
| 7.2  | <u>(a) <b>Managing Highly Saline Waste from</b></u>           |     |                  |
| 7.3  | <u><b>Municipal Water Treatment</b></u>                       |     |                  |
| 7.4  | <u>\$250,000 the second year is from the trust</u>            |     |                  |
| 7.5  | <u>fund to the Board of Regents of the University</u>         |     |                  |
| 7.6  | <u>of Minnesota to develop a cost- and</u>                    |     |                  |
| 7.7  | <u>energy-efficient method of managing the</u>                |     |                  |
| 7.8  | <u>concentrated saline waste from a municipal</u>             |     |                  |
| 7.9  | <u>water treatment plant to increase the feasibility</u>      |     |                  |
| 7.10 | <u>of using reverse osmosis for centralized water</u>         |     |                  |
| 7.11 | <u>softening and sulfate removal. This</u>                    |     |                  |
| 7.12 | <u>appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,</u>        |     |                  |
| 7.13 | <u>section 116P.10.</u>                                       |     |                  |
| 7.14 | <u>(b) <b>Technology for Energy-Generating On-site</b></u>    |     |                  |
| 7.15 | <u><b>Industrial Wastewater Treatment</b></u>                 |     |                  |
| 7.16 | <u>\$450,000 the second year is from the trust</u>            |     |                  |
| 7.17 | <u>fund to the Board of Regents of the University</u>         |     |                  |
| 7.18 | <u>of Minnesota to improve water quality and</u>              |     |                  |
| 7.19 | <u>generate cost savings by developing off the</u>            |     |                  |
| 7.20 | <u>shelf technology that treats industrial</u>                |     |                  |
| 7.21 | <u>wastewater on-site and turns pollutants into</u>           |     |                  |
| 7.22 | <u>hydrogen and methane for energy. This</u>                  |     |                  |
| 7.23 | <u>appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,</u>        |     |                  |
| 7.24 | <u>section 116P.10.</u>                                       |     |                  |
| 7.25 | <u>(c) <b>Microplastics: Transporters of Contaminants</b></u> |     |                  |
| 7.26 | <u><b>in Minnesota Waters</b></u>                             |     |                  |
| 7.27 | <u>\$425,000 the second year is from the trust</u>            |     |                  |
| 7.28 | <u>fund to the Board of Regents of the University</u>         |     |                  |
| 7.29 | <u>of Minnesota to study how several types of</u>             |     |                  |
| 7.30 | <u>common microplastics transport contaminants</u>            |     |                  |
| 7.31 | <u>of concern in Minnesota waters.</u>                        |     |                  |
| 7.32 | <u>(d) <b>Developing Strategies to Manage PFAS in</b></u>     |     |                  |
| 7.33 | <u><b>Land-Applied Biosolids</b></u>                          |     |                  |
| 7.34 | <u>\$1,404,000 the second year is from the trust</u>          |     |                  |
| 7.35 | <u>fund to the commissioner of the Pollution</u>              |     |                  |

8.1 Control Agency to help municipal wastewater  
8.2 plants, landfills, and compost facilities protect  
8.3 human health and the environment by  
8.4 developing strategies to manage per- and  
8.5 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in  
8.6 land-applied biosolids.

8.7 **(e) Quantifying New Urban Precipitation and**  
8.8 **Water Reality**

8.9 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
8.10 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
8.11 of Minnesota to better guide storm water  
8.12 management by evaluating the groundwater  
8.13 and surface water interactions contributing to  
8.14 high water tables and damage to home  
8.15 basements and underground infrastructure in  
8.16 urban areas.

8.17 **(f) Innovative Solution for Protecting Minnesota**  
8.18 **from PFAS Contamination**

8.19 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust  
8.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
8.21 for an agreement with Dem-Con Companies  
8.22 to demonstrate a new technology for  
8.23 protecting the state's drinking water and  
8.24 natural resources by eliminating per- and  
8.25 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from point  
8.26 source discharges. This appropriation is  
8.27 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10,  
8.28 related to royalties, copyrights, patents, and  
8.29 sale of products and assets.

8.30 **(g) Expanding Protection of Minnesota Water**  
8.31 **through Industrial Conservation**

8.32 \$178,000 the second year is from the trust  
8.33 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
8.34 of Minnesota for the Minnesota technical  
8.35 assistance program in partnership with the



9.1 Minnesota Rural Water Association to provide  
 9.2 technical assistance to businesses to decrease  
 9.3 industrial and commercial water use in  
 9.4 communities at risk for inadequate  
 9.5 groundwater supply or quality.

9.6 **Subd. 5. Technical**  
 9.7 **Assistance, Outreach, and**  
 9.8 **Environmental Education**

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2,989,000

9.9 **(a) Statewide Environmental Education via**  
 9.10 **Public Television Outdoor Series**

9.11 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust  
 9.12 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 9.13 for an agreement with Pioneer Public  
 9.14 Television to produce approximately 25 new  
 9.15 episodes of a statewide outdoor public  
 9.16 television series designed to inspire  
 9.17 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and  
 9.18 restore and protect the environment.

9.19 **(b) Minnesota Freshwater Quest: Environmental**  
 9.20 **Education on State Waterways**

9.21 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
 9.22 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 9.23 for an agreement with Wilderness Inquiry for  
 9.24 approximately 10,000 underserved Minnesota  
 9.25 youth to explore and improve local waterways  
 9.26 using the place-based and hands-on  
 9.27 "Minnesota Freshwater Quest" environmental  
 9.28 education program.

9.29 **(c) Teach Science: Schools as STEM Living**  
 9.30 **Laboratories**

9.31 \$368,000 the second year is from the trust  
 9.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 9.33 for an agreement with Climate Generation: A  
 9.34 Will Steger Legacy to prepare students for the  
 9.35 challenges and careers of the future by  
 9.36 connecting new science standards, renewable

10.1 energy, and STEM opportunities in teacher  
10.2 trainings, classroom demonstrations, and  
10.3 program support across the state.

10.4 **(d) Mentoring Next Generation of Conservation**  
10.5 **Professionals**

10.6 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
10.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
10.8 for an agreement with Minnesota Valley  
10.9 National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., to  
10.10 provide paid internships and apprenticeships  
10.11 for diverse young people to learn about careers  
10.12 in the conservation field from United States  
10.13 Fish and Wildlife Service professionals while  
10.14 working at the Minnesota Valley National  
10.15 Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management  
10.16 District.

10.17 **(e) Jay C. Hormel Nature Center Supplemental**  
10.18 **Teaching Staff**

10.19 \$225,000 the second year is from the trust  
10.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
10.21 for an agreement with the city of Austin to  
10.22 expand the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center  
10.23 environmental education program beyond the  
10.24 city of Austin to students in southeastern  
10.25 Minnesota for three years.

10.26 **(f) 375 Underserved Youth Learn Minnesota**  
10.27 **Ecosystems by Canoe**

10.28 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust  
10.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
10.30 for an agreement with the YMCA of the  
10.31 Greater Twin Cities to connect approximately  
10.32 375 underserved and diverse teens from urban  
10.33 areas and first-ring suburbs to environmental  
10.34 sciences in the natural world through canoeing  
10.35 and learning expeditions with experienced

11.1 outdoor education counselors. This  
11.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
11.3 by which time the project must be completed  
11.4 and final products delivered.

11.5 **(g) YES! Students Take on Water Quality**  
11.6 **Challenge - Phase II**

11.7 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
11.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
11.9 for an agreement with Prairie Woods  
11.10 Environmental Learning Center to mobilize  
11.11 local watershed stewardship efforts in  
11.12 approximately 20 communities through  
11.13 student-driven action projects.

11.14 **(h) Engaging Minnesotans with Phenology:**  
11.15 **Radio, Podcasts, Citizen Science**

11.16 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust  
11.17 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
11.18 for an agreement with Northern Community  
11.19 Radio, Inc., in partnership with the Board of  
11.20 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
11.21 build the next generation of conservationists  
11.22 using phenology, radio broadcasts, podcasts,  
11.23 and an online, interactive map interface to  
11.24 inspire teachers, students, and the public to  
11.25 get outside and experience nature.

11.26 **(i) Driving Conservation Behavior for Native**  
11.27 **Mussels and Water Quality**

11.28 \$191,000 the second year is from the trust  
11.29 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Garden to  
11.30 develop research-supported strategies to  
11.31 engage the public in specific conservation  
11.32 behaviors to improve water quality and native  
11.33 mussel health across the state.

11.34 **(j) Workshops and Outreach to Protect Raptors**  
11.35 **from Lead Poisoning**

12.1 \$133,000 the second year is from the trust  
 12.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 12.3 of Minnesota, Raptor Center, in cooperation  
 12.4 with the Department of Natural Resources and  
 12.5 other conservation partners, to provide hunters  
 12.6 with outreach and workshops on alternatives  
 12.7 to lead hunting ammunition, including copper  
 12.8 ammunition as an alternative, and to promote  
 12.9 voluntary selection of nontoxic ammunition  
 12.10 to protect raptors and other wildlife in  
 12.11 Minnesota from accidental lead poisoning  
 12.12 caused by ingestion of ammunition fragments.

12.13 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and**  
 12.14 **Terrestrial Invasive Species**

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10,425,000

12.15 **(a) Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and**  
 12.16 **Pests Center (MITPPC) - Phase V**

12.17 \$5,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
 12.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 12.19 of Minnesota to support the Minnesota  
 12.20 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center  
 12.21 to fund approximately 15 new, high-priority  
 12.22 research projects that will lead to better  
 12.23 management of invasive plants, pathogens,  
 12.24 and pests on Minnesota's natural and  
 12.25 agricultural lands. This appropriation is subject  
 12.26 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
 12.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026,  
 12.28 by which time the project must be completed  
 12.29 and final products delivered.

12.30 **(b) Protect Community Forests by Managing**  
 12.31 **Ash for Emerald Ash Borer**

12.32 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust  
 12.33 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 12.34 to reduce emerald ash borer by providing  
 12.35 surveys, assessments, trainings, assistance,  
 12.36 and grants for communities to manage emerald

13.1 ash borer, plant a diversity of trees, and engage  
13.2 citizens in community forestry activities. This  
13.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
13.4 by which time the project must be completed  
13.5 and final products delivered.

13.6 **(c) Biological Control of White-Nose Syndrome**  
13.7 **in Bats - Phase III**

13.8 \$440,000 the second year is from the trust  
13.9 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
13.10 of Minnesota to continue assessing and  
13.11 developing a biocontrol agent for white-nose  
13.12 syndrome in bats.

13.13 **(d) Applying New Tools and Techniques Against**  
13.14 **Invasive Carp**

13.15 \$478,000 the second year is from the trust  
13.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
13.17 to apply new monitoring, outreach, and  
13.18 removal techniques and to continue work with  
13.19 commercial anglers to protect Minnesota  
13.20 waters from invasive carp.

13.21 **(e) Emerald Ash Borer and Black Ash:**  
13.22 **Maintaining Forests and Benefits**

13.23 \$700,000 the second year is from the trust  
13.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
13.25 of Minnesota to use ongoing experiments to  
13.26 determine statewide long-term emerald ash  
13.27 borer impacts on water, vegetation, and  
13.28 wildlife; to determine optimal replacement  
13.29 species and practices for forest diversification;  
13.30 and to develop criteria for prioritizing  
13.31 mitigation activities. This appropriation is  
13.32 available until June 30, 2026, by which time  
13.33 the project must be completed and final  
13.34 products delivered.

14.1 **(f) Testing Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive**  
 14.2 **Species Removal Methods**

14.3 \$110,000 the second year is from the trust  
 14.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 14.5 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
 14.6 Research Institute in Duluth to test how well  
 14.7 boat-cleaning methods work, to provide the  
 14.8 Department of Natural Resources with a risk  
 14.9 assessment, and to provide recommendations  
 14.10 for improving boat-launch cleaning stations  
 14.11 to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive  
 14.12 species.

14.13 **(g) Invasive *Didymosphenia* Threatens North**  
 14.14 **Shore Streams**

14.15 \$197,000 the second year is from the trust  
 14.16 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota to  
 14.17 evaluate the recent spread, origin, cause, and  
 14.18 economic and ecological threat of didymo  
 14.19 formation in North Shore streams and Lake  
 14.20 Superior to inform management and outreach.

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

14.22 **(a) Storing Renewable Energy in Flow Battery**  
 14.23 **for Grid Use**

14.24 \$250,000 the second year is from the trust  
 14.25 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 14.26 of Minnesota, on behalf of the Morris campus,  
 14.27 to analyze the potential of adding a flow  
 14.28 battery and solar energy generation to the  
 14.29 University of Minnesota Morris's existing  
 14.30 renewable-energy-intensive microgrid.

14.31 **(b) Eco-Friendly Plastics from Cloquet Pulp-Mill**  
 14.32 **Lignin**

14.33 \$193,000 the second year is from the trust  
 14.34 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 14.35 of Minnesota to reduce environmental

15.1 pollution from plastics by creating eco-friendly  
 15.2 replacements using lignin from the pulp mill  
 15.3 in Cloquet, Minnesota. This appropriation is  
 15.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

15.5 **(c) Diverting Unsold Food from Landfills and**  
 15.6 **Reducing Greenhouse Gases**

15.7 \$130,000 the second year is from the trust  
 15.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 15.9 for an agreement with Second Harvest  
 15.10 Heartland to prevent food from going to  
 15.11 landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
 15.12 by helping businesses donate unsold prepared  
 15.13 food to food shelves.

15.14 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**  
 15.15 **Water, and Habitat**

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15.16 **(a) Pollinator Central: Habitat Improvement**  
 15.17 **with Citizen Monitoring**

15.18 \$750,000 the second year is from the trust  
 15.19 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 15.20 for an agreement with Great River Greening  
 15.21 to restore and enhance approximately 400  
 15.22 acres of pollinator habitat on traditional and  
 15.23 nontraditional sites such as roadsides and turf  
 15.24 grass from Hastings to St. Cloud to benefit  
 15.25 pollinators and build knowledge by engaging  
 15.26 approximately 100 citizens in monitoring the  
 15.27 impact of habitat improvements. This  
 15.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
 15.29 by which time the project must be completed  
 15.30 and final products delivered.

15.31 **(b) Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Strategic**  
 15.32 **Habitat Program**

15.33 \$750,000 the second year is from the trust  
 15.34 fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources  
 15.35 for building a new initiative to strategically

16.1 restore and enhance approximately 1,000 acres  
16.2 of diverse native habitat to benefit multiple  
16.3 insects through grants, cost-share, and  
16.4 outreach. Notwithstanding subdivision 14,  
16.5 paragraph (e), restorations and enhancements  
16.6 may take place on land enrolled in  
16.7 Conservation Reserve Program and Reinvest  
16.8 in Minnesota easement programs. This  
16.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
16.10 by which time the project must be completed  
16.11 and final products delivered.

16.12 **(c) Lignin-Coated Fertilizers for Phosphate**  
16.13 **Control**

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

16.23 **(d) Implementing Hemp Crop Rotation to**  
16.24 **Improve Water Quality**

16.25 \$700,000 the second year is from the trust  
16.26 fund to the Minnesota State Colleges and  
16.27 Universities System for Central Lakes College  
16.28 to evaluate how hemp crops reduce nitrogen  
16.29 contamination of surface water and  
16.30 groundwater in conventional crop rotations  
16.31 and demonstrate the environmental and  
16.32 economic benefits of hemp production. This  
16.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
16.34 by which time the project must be completed  
16.35 and final products delivered.



17.1 **(e) Developing Cover-Crop Systems for Sugar**  
17.2 **Beet Production**

17.3 \$300,000 the second year is from the trust  
17.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
17.5 of Minnesota to develop agronomic guidelines  
17.6 to support growers adopting cover-crop  
17.7 practices in sugar beet production in  
17.8 west-central and northwest Minnesota.

17.9 **(f) Native Eastern Larch Beetle Decimating**  
17.10 **Minnesota's Tamarack Forests**

17.11 \$398,000 the second year is from the trust  
17.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
17.13 of Minnesota to understand conditions  
17.14 triggering eastern larch beetle outbreaks and  
17.15 develop management techniques to protect  
17.16 tamarack forests from this native insect. This  
17.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
17.18 by which time the project must be completed  
17.19 and final products delivered.

17.20 **(g) Habitat Associations of Mississippi**  
17.21 **Bottomland Forest Marsh Birds**

17.22 \$275,000 the second year is from the trust  
17.23 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
17.24 for an agreement with the National Audubon  
17.25 Society, Minnesota office, to evaluate habitat  
17.26 associations of bottomland forest birds in  
17.27 response to restoration actions to better target  
17.28 restoration efforts for wildlife. This  
17.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025,  
17.30 by which time the project must be completed  
17.31 and final products delivered.

17.32 **(h) Peatland Restoration in the Lost River State**  
17.33 **Forest**

17.34 \$135,000 the second year is from the trust  
17.35 fund to the commissioner of natural resources

18.1 for an agreement with the Roseau River  
18.2 Watershed District to collect physical attribute  
18.3 data from drained peatlands, incorporate the  
18.4 data into a decision matrix, and generate a  
18.5 report detailing peatland restoration potential  
18.6 throughout the Lost River State Forest.

18.7 **(i) Prescribed Burning for Brushland-Dependent**  
18.8 **Species - Phase II**

18.9 \$147,000 the second year is from the trust  
18.10 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
18.11 of Minnesota to compare the effects of spring,  
18.12 summer, and fall burns on birds and vegetation  
18.13 and to provide guidelines for maintaining  
18.14 healthy brushland habitat for a diversity of  
18.15 wildlife and plant species.

18.16 **(j) Pollinator Habitat Creation Along Urban**  
18.17 **Mississippi River**

18.18 \$129,000 the second year is from the trust  
18.19 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
18.20 for an agreement with Friends of the  
18.21 Mississippi River to remove invasive plants  
18.22 and replace them with high-value native  
18.23 species at three urban sites along the  
18.24 Mississippi River to improve habitat for  
18.25 pollinators and other wildlife. This  
18.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026,  
18.27 by which time the project must be completed  
18.28 and final products delivered.

18.29 **(k) Increase Golden Shiner Production to Protect**  
18.30 **Aquatic Communities**

18.31 \$188,000 the second year is from the trust  
18.32 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
18.33 of Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant in  
18.34 Duluth to identify and demonstrate best  
18.35 methods for in-state production of golden

19.1 shiners to address angler demand while  
 19.2 reducing the risk of introducing and spreading  
 19.3 invasive species and to communicate findings  
 19.4 through reports, manuals, and workshops.  
 19.5 Production of shiners in this project must not  
 19.6 take place in wetlands.

19.7 **(l) Restoring Turf to Native Pollinator Gardens**  
 19.8 **Across Metro**

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

19.22 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition,**  
 19.23 **Habitat, and Recreation**

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

19.25 \$3,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
 19.26 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 19.27 for the scientific and natural area (SNA)  
 19.28 program to restore, improve, and enhance  
 19.29 wildlife habitat on SNAs; increase public  
 19.30 involvement and outreach; and strategically  
 19.31 acquire high-quality lands that meet criteria  
 19.32 for SNAs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 19.33 86A.05, from willing sellers.

19.34 **(b) Private Native Prairie Conservation through**  
 19.35 **Native Prairie Bank**

20.1 \$2,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
20.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
20.3 to provide technical stewardship assistance to  
20.4 private landowners, restore and enhance native  
20.5 prairie protected by easements in the native  
20.6 prairie bank, and acquire easements for the  
20.7 native prairie bank in accordance with  
20.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, including  
20.9 preparing initial baseline property assessments.  
20.10 Up to \$60,000 of this appropriation may be  
20.11 deposited in the natural resources conservation  
20.12 easement stewardship account, created in  
20.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.69, proportional  
20.14 to the number of easement acres acquired.

20.15 **(c) Minnesota State Parks and State Trails**  
20.16 **Inholdings**

20.17 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust  
20.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
20.19 to acquire high-priority inholdings from  
20.20 willing sellers within the legislatively  
20.21 authorized boundaries of state parks,  
20.22 recreation areas, and trails to protect  
20.23 Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor  
20.24 recreation, and promote tourism.

20.25 **(d) Grants for Local Parks, Trails, and Natural**  
20.26 **Areas**

20.27 \$2,400,000 the second year is from the trust  
20.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
20.29 to solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching  
20.30 grants for local parks, trail connections, and  
20.31 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota  
20.32 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is  
20.33 for local nature-based recreation, connections  
20.34 to regional and state natural areas, and  
20.35 recreation facilities and may not be used for

21.1 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,  
21.2 and playgrounds.

21.3 **(e) Mississippi River Aquatic Habitat**  
21.4 **Restoration and Mussel Reintroduction**

21.5 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust  
21.6 fund. Of this amount, \$1,549,000 is to the  
21.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
21.8 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
21.9 Recreation Board and \$251,000 is to the  
21.10 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
21.11 lost habitat and reintroduce mussels in the  
21.12 Mississippi River above St. Anthony Falls.  
21.13 This work includes creating habitat and  
21.14 species restoration plans, implementing the  
21.15 restoration plans, and monitoring effectiveness  
21.16 of the restoration for multiple years after  
21.17 implementation. This appropriation is  
21.18 available until June 30, 2027, by which time  
21.19 the project must be completed and final  
21.20 products delivered.

21.21 **(f) Minnesota Hunter Walking Trails: Public**  
21.22 **Land Recreational Access**

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

21.31 **(g) Turning Back to Rivers: Environmental and**  
21.32 **Recreational Protection**

21.33 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
21.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
21.35 for an agreement with The Trust for Public

- 22.1 Land to help local communities acquire  
22.2 priority land along the Mississippi, St. Croix,  
22.3 and Minnesota Rivers and their tributaries to  
22.4 protect natural resources, provide buffers for  
22.5 flooding, and improve access for recreation.
- 22.6 **(h) Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land**  
22.7 **Acquisition - Phase VI**
- 22.8 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
22.9 fund to the Metropolitan Council for grants to  
22.10 acquire land within the approved park  
22.11 boundaries of the metropolitan regional park  
22.12 system. This appropriation must be matched  
22.13 by at least 40 percent of nonstate money.
- 22.14 **(i) Minnesota State Trails Development**
- 22.15 \$994,000 the second year is from the trust  
22.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
22.17 to expand high-priority recreational  
22.18 opportunities on Minnesota's state trails by  
22.19 rehabilitating, improving, and enhancing  
22.20 existing state trails. The high-priority trail  
22.21 bridges to be rehabilitated or replaced under  
22.22 this appropriation include, but are not limited  
22.23 to, those on the Taconite, Great River Ridge,  
22.24 and C. J. Ramstad/Northshore State Trails.
- 22.25 **(j) Elm Creek Restoration - Phase IV**
- 22.26 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
22.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
22.28 for an agreement with the city of Champlin to  
22.29 conduct habitat and stream restoration of  
22.30 approximately 0.7 miles of Elm Creek  
22.31 shoreline above Mill Pond Lake and through  
22.32 the Elm Creek Protection Area.
- 22.33 **(k) Superior Hiking Trail as Environmental**  
22.34 **Showcase**

23.1 \$450,000 the second year is from the trust  
23.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
23.3 for an agreement with the Superior Hiking  
23.4 Trail Association to rebuild damaged and  
23.5 dangerous segments and create a new trail  
23.6 segment of the Superior Hiking Trail to  
23.7 minimize environmental impacts, make the  
23.8 trail safer for users, and make the trail more  
23.9 resilient for future use and conditions.

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

23.11 \$2,800,000 the second year is from the trust  
23.12 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
23.13 for an agreement with the Friends of the Lock  
23.14 and Dam in partnership with the city of  
23.15 Minneapolis to design and install green  
23.16 infrastructure, public access, and habitat  
23.17 restorations on riverfront land at Upper St.  
23.18 Anthony Falls for water protection, recreation,  
23.19 and environmental education purposes. Of this  
23.20 amount, up to \$600,000 is for planning,  
23.21 design, and engagement. No funds from this  
23.22 appropriation may be spent until Congress  
23.23 directs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to  
23.24 convey an interest in the Upper St. Anthony  
23.25 Falls property to the city of Minneapolis for  
23.26 use as a visitor center. After this congressional  
23.27 act is signed into law, up to \$100,000 of the  
23.28 planning, design, and engagement funds may  
23.29 be spent. The remaining planning, design, and  
23.30 engagement funds may be spent after a binding  
23.31 agreement has been secured to acquire the land  
23.32 or access and use rights to the land for at least  
23.33 25 years. Any remaining balance of the  
23.34 appropriation may be spent on installing  
23.35 enhancements after the Upper St. Anthony

- 24.1 Falls land has been acquired by the city of  
24.2 Minneapolis.
- 24.3 **(m) Whiskey Creek and Mississippi River Water**  
24.4 **Quality, Habitat, and Recreation**
- 24.5 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
24.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
24.7 for an agreement with the Mississippi  
24.8 Headwaters Board to acquire and transfer  
24.9 approximately 13 acres of land to the city of  
24.10 Baxter for future construction of water quality,  
24.11 habitat, and recreational improvements to  
24.12 protect the Mississippi River.
- 24.13 **(n) Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail**  
24.14 **(West Segment)**
- 24.15 \$2,600,000 the second year is from the trust  
24.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
24.17 for an agreement with Otter Tail County to  
24.18 construct the west segment of the 32-mile  
24.19 Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that  
24.20 will connect the city of Pelican Rapids to  
24.21 Maplewood State Park.
- 24.22 **(o) Crow Wing County Community Natural**  
24.23 **Area Acquisition**
- 24.24 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust  
24.25 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
24.26 for an agreement with Crow Wing County to  
24.27 acquire approximately 65 acres of land  
24.28 adjacent to the historic fire tower property to  
24.29 allow for diverse recreational opportunities  
24.30 while protecting wildlife habitat and  
24.31 preventing forest fragmentation. Any revenue  
24.32 generated from selling products or assets  
24.33 developed or acquired with this appropriation  
24.34 must be repaid to the trust fund unless a plan  
24.35 is approved for reinvestment of income in the



25.1 project as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
25.2 section 116P.10.

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

25.4 \$1,200,000 the second year is from the trust  
25.5 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
25.6 for an agreement with the Rocori Trail  
25.7 Construction Board to design and construct  
25.8 Phase III of the Rocori Trail along the old  
25.9 Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor  
25.10 between the cities of Cold Spring and  
25.11 Rockville.

25.12 **(q) Mesabi Trail: New Trail and Additional**  
25.13 **Funding**

25.14 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust  
25.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
25.16 for an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake  
25.17 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for  
25.18 constructing the Mesabi Trail beginning at the  
25.19 intersection of County Road 20 and Minnesota  
25.20 State Highway 135 and terminating at 1st  
25.21 Avenue North and 1st Street North in the city  
25.22 of Biwabik in St. Louis County. This  
25.23 appropriation may not be spent until all  
25.24 Mesabi Trail projects funded with trust fund  
25.25 appropriations before fiscal year 2020, with  
25.26 the exception of the project funded under Laws  
25.27 2017, chapter 96, section 2, subdivision 9,  
25.28 paragraph (g), are completed.

25.29 **(r) Ranier Safe Harbor and Transient Dock on**  
25.30 **Rainy Lake**

25.31 \$762,000 the second year is from the trust  
25.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
25.33 for an agreement with the city of Ranier to  
25.34 construct a dock that accommodates boats 26  
25.35 feet or longer with the goal of increasing

26.1 public access for boat recreation on Rainy  
26.2 Lake. Any revenue generated from selling  
26.3 products or assets developed or acquired with  
26.4 this appropriation must be repaid to the trust  
26.5 fund unless a plan is approved for  
26.6 reinvestment of income in the project as  
26.7 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
26.8 116P.10.

26.9 **(s) Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park**  
26.10 **Campground and Visitor Center**

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

26.25 **(t) Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,**  
26.26 **and Education**

26.27 \$160,000 the second year is from the trust  
26.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
26.29 for an agreement with Chippewa County to  
26.30 acquire wetland and floodplain forest and  
26.31 abandoned gravel pits along the Minnesota  
26.32 River to provide water filtration, education,  
26.33 and recreational opportunities.

26.34 **(u) Sportsmen's Training and Developmental**  
26.35 **Learning Center**

27.1 \$85,000 the second year is from the trust fund  
 27.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 27.3 an agreement with the Minnesota Forest Zone  
 27.4 Trappers Association to complete a site  
 27.5 evaluation and master plan for the Sportsmen's  
 27.6 Training and Developmental Learning Center  
 27.7 near Hibbing. Any revenue generated from  
 27.8 selling products or assets developed or  
 27.9 acquired with this appropriation must be  
 27.10 repaid to the trust fund unless a plan is  
 27.11 approved for reinvestment of income in the  
 27.12 project as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
 27.13 section 116P.10.

27.14 **(v) Birch Lake Recreation Area**

27.15 \$350,000 the second year is from the trust  
 27.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 27.17 for a grant to the city of Babbitt to expand the  
 27.18 Birch Lake Recreation Area by adding a new  
 27.19 campground to include new campsites,  
 27.20 restrooms, and other facilities. This  
 27.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

27.22 **Subd. 10. Emerging Issues**  
 27.23 **Account; Wastewater**  
 27.24 **Renewable Energy**  
 27.25 **Demonstration Grants**

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27.26 \$1,095,000 the second year is from the trust  
 27.27 fund to an emerging issues account authorized  
 27.28 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.08,  
 27.29 subdivision 4, paragraph (d). Money  
 27.30 appropriated under this subdivision must be  
 27.31 used for grants in consultation with the Public  
 27.32 Facilities Authority for renewable energy  
 27.33 demonstration projects at wastewater treatment  
 27.34 facilities.

28.1 **Subd. 11. Contract**  
 28.2 **Agreement Reimbursement** -0- 135,000

28.3 \$135,000 the second year is from the trust  
 28.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources,  
 28.5 at the direction of the Legislative-Citizen  
 28.6 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for  
 28.7 expenses incurred for preparing and  
 28.8 administering contracts for the agreements  
 28.9 specified in this section. The commissioner  
 28.10 must provide documentation to the  
 28.11 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
 28.12 Resources on the expenditure of these funds.

28.13 **Subd. 12. Availability of Appropriations**

28.14 Money appropriated in this section may not  
 28.15 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
 28.16 related to and necessary for a specific  
 28.17 appropriation and are specified in the work  
 28.18 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen  
 28.19 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money  
 28.20 appropriated in this section must not be spent  
 28.21 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead  
 28.22 charges that are not directly related to and  
 28.23 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs  
 28.24 that are directly related to and necessary for  
 28.25 an appropriation, including financial services,  
 28.26 human resources, information services, rent,  
 28.27 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can  
 28.28 be clearly justified and individually  
 28.29 documented specific to the appropriation's  
 28.30 purpose and would not be generated by the  
 28.31 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.  
 28.32 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars  
 28.33 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise  
 28.34 provided, the amounts in this section are  
 28.35 available until June 30, 2024, when projects

29.1 must be completed and final products  
29.2 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the  
29.3 appropriations in this section are available for  
29.4 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract  
29.5 for acquisition of the real property is entered  
29.6 into before the expiration date of the  
29.7 appropriation. If a project receives a federal  
29.8 grant, the time period of the appropriation is  
29.9 extended to equal the federal grant period.

29.10 **Subd. 13. Data Availability Requirements**

29.11 Data collected by the projects funded under  
29.12 this section must conform to guidelines and  
29.13 standards adopted by MN.IT Services. Spatial  
29.14 data must also conform to additional  
29.15 guidelines and standards designed to support  
29.16 data coordination and distribution that have  
29.17 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial  
29.18 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial  
29.19 data must be prepared as specified in the state's  
29.20 geographic metadata guideline and must be  
29.21 submitted to the Minnesota Geospatial  
29.22 Information Office. All data must be  
29.23 accessible and free to the public unless made  
29.24 private under the Data Practices Act,  
29.25 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the extent  
29.26 practicable, summary data and results of  
29.27 projects funded under this section should be  
29.28 readily accessible on the Internet and  
29.29 identified as having received funding from the  
29.30 environment and natural resources trust fund.

29.31 **Subd. 14. Project Requirements**

29.32 (a) As a condition of accepting an  
29.33 appropriation under this section, an agency or  
29.34 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to  
29.35 an agreement from an appropriation must

30.1 comply with paragraphs (b) to (l) and  
30.2 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must  
30.3 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual  
30.4 progress reports in the form determined by the  
30.5 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
30.6 Resources for any project funded in whole or  
30.7 in part with funds from the appropriation.  
30.8 Modifications to the approved work plan and  
30.9 budget expenditures must be made through  
30.10 the amendment process established by the  
30.11 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
30.12 Resources.

30.13 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this  
30.14 section that conducts a restoration using funds  
30.15 appropriated in this section must use native  
30.16 plant species according to the Board of Water  
30.17 and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
30.18 establishment and enhancement guidelines  
30.19 and include an appropriate diversity of native  
30.20 species selected to provide habitat for  
30.21 pollinators throughout the growing season as  
30.22 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
30.23 84.973.

30.24 (c) For all restorations conducted with money  
30.25 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
30.26 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
30.27 management plan that, to the degree  
30.28 practicable, is consistent with the  
30.29 highest-quality conservation and ecological  
30.30 goals for the restoration site. Consideration  
30.31 should be given to soil, geology, topography,  
30.32 and other relevant factors that would provide  
30.33 the best chance for long-term success and  
30.34 durability of the restoration project. The plan  
30.35 must include the proposed timetable for

- 31.1 implementing the restoration, including site  
31.2 preparation, establishment of diverse plant  
31.3 species, maintenance, and additional  
31.4 enhancement to establish the restoration;  
31.5 identify long-term maintenance and  
31.6 management needs of the restoration and how  
31.7 the maintenance, management, and  
31.8 enhancement will be financed; and take  
31.9 advantage of the best-available science and  
31.10 include innovative techniques to achieve the  
31.11 best restoration.
- 31.12 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this  
31.13 section for restoration activities must provide  
31.14 an initial restoration evaluation at the  
31.15 completion of the appropriation and an  
31.16 evaluation three years after the completion of  
31.17 the expenditure. Restorations must be  
31.18 evaluated relative to the stated goals and  
31.19 standards in the restoration plan, current  
31.20 science, and, when applicable, the Board of  
31.21 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
31.22 establishment and enhancement guidelines.  
31.23 The evaluation must determine whether the  
31.24 restorations are meeting planned goals,  
31.25 identify any problems with implementing the  
31.26 restorations, and, if necessary, give  
31.27 recommendations on improving restorations.  
31.28 The evaluation must be focused on improving  
31.29 future restorations.
- 31.30 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects  
31.31 funded with money appropriated in this section  
31.32 must be on land permanently protected by a  
31.33 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 31.34 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation  
31.35 under this section must give consideration to

- 32.1 contracting with Conservation Corps
- 32.2 Minnesota for contract restoration and
- 32.3 enhancement services.
- 32.4 (g) All conservation easements acquired with
- 32.5 money appropriated under this section must:
- 32.6 (1) be permanent;
- 32.7 (2) specify the parties to an easement in the
- 32.8 easement;
- 32.9 (3) specify all of the provisions of an
- 32.10 agreement that are permanent;
- 32.11 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen
- 32.12 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an
- 32.13 electronic format at least ten business days
- 32.14 before closing;
- 32.15 (5) include a long-term monitoring and
- 32.16 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring
- 32.17 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 32.18 (6) include requirements in the easement
- 32.19 document to protect the quantity and quality
- 32.20 of groundwater and surface water through
- 32.21 specific activities such as keeping water on
- 32.22 the landscape, reducing nutrient and
- 32.23 contaminant loading, and not permitting
- 32.24 artificial hydrological modifications.
- 32.25 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in
- 32.26 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under
- 32.27 this section must not agree to pay more than
- 32.28 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel
- 32.29 of land using this money to complete the
- 32.30 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up
- 32.31 to ten percent above the appraised value may
- 32.32 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part
- 32.33 or in whole, using this money if permission is



33.1 received in advance of the purchase from the  
33.2 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
33.3 Resources.

33.4 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in  
33.5 land, a recipient of money appropriated under  
33.6 this section must give priority to high-quality  
33.7 natural resources or conservation lands that  
33.8 provide natural buffers to water resources.

33.9 (j) For new lands acquired with money  
33.10 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
33.11 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
33.12 management plan in compliance with  
33.13 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for  
33.14 implementation unless the work plan addresses  
33.15 why a portion of the money is not necessary  
33.16 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

33.17 (k) To ensure public accountability for using  
33.18 public funds, a recipient of money  
33.19 appropriated under this section must, within  
33.20 60 days of the transaction, provide to the  
33.21 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
33.22 Resources documentation of the selection  
33.23 process used to identify parcels acquired and  
33.24 provide documentation of all related  
33.25 transaction costs, including but not limited to  
33.26 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,  
33.27 commissions, other similar costs, and  
33.28 donations. This information must be provided  
33.29 for all parties involved in the transaction. The  
33.30 recipient must also report to the  
33.31 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
33.32 Resources any difference between the  
33.33 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the  
33.34 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if

34.1 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal  
34.2 was conducted.

34.3 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
34.4 trust fund under this section must acknowledge  
34.5 financial support from the environment and  
34.6 natural resources trust fund in project  
34.7 publications, signage, and other public  
34.8 communications and outreach related to work  
34.9 completed using the appropriation.

34.10 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,  
34.11 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion  
34.12 of language attributing support from the trust  
34.13 fund. Each direct recipient of money  
34.14 appropriated in this section, as well as each  
34.15 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this  
34.16 section, must satisfy all reporting and other  
34.17 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally  
34.18 dedicated funding recipients as provided in  
34.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
34.20 10, and chapter 116P.

34.21 **Subd. 15. Payment Conditions and**  
34.22 **Capital-Equipment Expenditures**

34.23 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts  
34.24 referred to in this section must be administered  
34.25 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise  
34.26 provided in this section. Notwithstanding  
34.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,  
34.28 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2020,  
34.29 or the date the work plan is approved,  
34.30 whichever is later, are eligible for  
34.31 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
34.32 this section. Periodic payments must be made  
34.33 upon receiving documentation that the  
34.34 deliverable items articulated in the approved  
34.35 work plan have been achieved, including

35.1 partial achievements as evidenced by approved  
35.2 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be  
35.3 advanced to projects to accommodate  
35.4 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The  
35.5 advances must be approved as part of the work  
35.6 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment  
35.7 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the  
35.8 project work plan.

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

35.11 **Subd. 16. Purchasing Recycled and Recyclable**  
35.12 **Materials**

35.13 A political subdivision, public or private  
35.14 corporation, or other entity that receives an  
35.15 appropriation under this section must use the  
35.16 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota  
35.17 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding  
35.18 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable  
35.19 materials and Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.20 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using  
35.21 paper stock and printing.

35.22 **Subd. 17. Energy Conservation and Sustainable**  
35.23 **Building Guidelines**

35.24 A recipient to whom an appropriation is made  
35.25 under this section for a capital improvement  
35.26 project must ensure that the project complies  
35.27 with the applicable energy conservation and  
35.28 sustainable building guidelines and standards  
35.29 contained in law, including Minnesota  
35.30 Statutes, sections 16B.325, 216C.19, and  
35.31 216C.20, and rules adopted under those  
35.32 sections. The recipient may use the energy  
35.33 planning, advocacy, and State Energy Office  
35.34 units of the Department of Commerce to  
35.35 obtain information and technical assistance

36.1 on energy conservation and alternative-energy  
36.2 development relating to planning and  
36.3 constructing the capital improvement project.

36.4 **Subd. 18. Accessibility**

36.5 Structural and nonstructural facilities must  
36.6 meet the design standards in the Americans  
36.7 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility  
36.8 guidelines.

36.9 **Subd. 19. Carryforward; Extension**

36.10 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
36.11 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
36.12 2022:

36.13 (1) Laws 2017, chapter 96, section 2,  
36.14 subdivision 8, paragraph (k), Conservation  
36.15 Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)  
36.16 Outreach and Implementation; and

36.17 (2) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section  
36.18 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), Palmer  
36.19 Amaranth Detection and Eradication  
36.20 Continuation.

36.21 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
36.22 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
36.23 2023:

36.24 (1) Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section  
36.25 2, subdivision 10, Emerging Issues Account;  
36.26 and

36.27 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter  
36.28 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 8, paragraph  
36.29 (f), Lawns to Legumes.

36.30 (c) The availability of the appropriation under  
36.31 Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 4, section 2,  
36.32 subdivision 4, paragraph (l), Lake Agnes  
36.33 Treatment, is extended to June 30, 2024.

37.1 Subd. 20. Transfers

37.2 The appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special  
37.3 Session chapter 4, article 2, section 2,  
37.4 subdivision 8, paragraph (c), Sauk River Dam  
37.5 Removal and Rock Rapids Replacement, in  
37.6 the amount of \$2,768,000, no longer needed  
37.7 for its original purpose is available until June  
37.8 30, 2023, and transferred as follows:

37.9 (1) \$849,000 is transferred to the Science  
37.10 Museum of Minnesota to determine how,  
37.11 when, and why lakes in pristine areas of the  
37.12 state without obvious nutrient loading are  
37.13 experiencing algal blooms;

37.14 (2) \$699,000 is transferred to the Board of  
37.15 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
37.16 evaluate the ability of the virus that causes  
37.17 COVID-19 and other potentially infectious  
37.18 organisms to travel through wastewater  
37.19 systems, including septic systems, to drinking  
37.20 water sources;

37.21 (3) \$320,000 is transferred to the  
37.22 commissioner of natural resources to reduce  
37.23 emerald ash borer by providing surveys,  
37.24 assessments, trainings, assistance, and grants  
37.25 for communities to manage emerald ash borer,  
37.26 plant a diversity of trees, and engage citizens  
37.27 in community forestry activities; and

37.28 (4) \$900,000 is transferred to the Board of  
37.29 Water and Soil Resources for demonstration  
37.30 projects that provide grants or payments to  
37.31 plant residential lawns with native vegetation  
37.32 and pollinator-friendly forbs and legumes to  
37.33 protect a diversity of pollinators. The board  
37.34 must establish criteria for grants or payments

38.1 awarded under this clause. Grants or payments  
 38.2 awarded under this clause may be made for  
 38.3 up to 75 percent of the costs of the project,  
 38.4 except that in areas identified by the United  
 38.5 States Fish and Wildlife Service as areas  
 38.6 where there is a high potential for rusty  
 38.7 patched bumble bees to be present, grants may  
 38.8 be awarded for up to 90 percent of the costs  
 38.9 of the project.

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

|       |                                   |         |            |     |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| 38.12 | <b>Subd. 9. Land Acquisition,</b> |         |            |     |
| 38.13 | <b>Habitat, and Recreation</b>    | 999,000 | 13,533,000 | -0- |

38.14 **(a) Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land**  
 38.15 **Acquisition**

38.16 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 38.17 to the Metropolitan Council for grants to  
 38.18 acquire approximately 70 acres of land within  
 38.19 the approved park boundaries of the  
 38.20 metropolitan regional park system. This  
 38.21 appropriation may not be used to purchase  
 38.22 habitable residential structures. A list of  
 38.23 proposed fee title acquisitions must be  
 38.24 provided as part of the required work plan.  
 38.25 This appropriation must be matched by at least  
 38.26 40 percent of nonstate money that must be  
 38.27 committed by December 31, 2017. This  
 38.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
 38.29 by which time the project must be completed  
 38.30 and final products delivered.

38.31 **(b) Scientific and Natural Areas Acquisition and**  
 38.32 **Restoration, Citizen Science, and Engagement**

38.33 \$2,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 38.34 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 38.35 acquire land with high-quality native plant

39.1 communities and rare features to be  
39.2 established as scientific and natural areas as  
39.3 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.4 86A.05, subdivision 5, restore and improve  
39.5 scientific and natural areas, and provide  
39.6 technical assistance and outreach, including  
39.7 site steward events. At least one-third of the  
39.8 appropriation must be spent on restoration  
39.9 activities. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
39.10 restorations must be provided as part of the  
39.11 required work plan. Land acquired with this  
39.12 appropriation must be sufficiently improved  
39.13 to meet at least minimum management  
39.14 standards, as determined by the commissioner  
39.15 of natural resources. When feasible,  
39.16 consideration must be given to accommodate  
39.17 trails on lands acquired. This appropriation is  
39.18 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
39.19 the project must be completed and final  
39.20 products delivered.

39.21 **(c) Minnesota State Parks and State Trails Land**  
39.22 **Acquisition**

39.23 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
39.24 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
39.25 acquire approximately 373 acres from willing  
39.26 sellers for authorized state trails and critical  
39.27 parcels within the statutory boundaries of state  
39.28 parks. State park land acquired with this  
39.29 appropriation must be sufficiently improved  
39.30 to meet at least minimum management  
39.31 standards, as determined by the commissioner  
39.32 of natural resources. A list of proposed  
39.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
39.34 required work plan. This appropriation is  
39.35 available until June 30, 2020, by which time

40.1 the project must be completed and final  
40.2 products delivered.

40.3 **(d) Minnesota State Trails Acquisition,**  
40.4 **Development, and Enhancement**

40.5 \$999,000 in fiscal year 2017 and \$39,000 the  
40.6 first year are from the trust fund to the  
40.7 commissioner of natural resources for state  
40.8 trail acquisition, development, and  
40.9 enhancement in southern Minnesota. A  
40.10 proposed list of trail projects on authorized  
40.11 state trails must be provided as part of the  
40.12 required work plan. This appropriation is  
40.13 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
40.14 the project must be completed and final  
40.15 products delivered.

40.16 **(e) Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank**  
40.17 **Easement Acquisition**

40.18 \$2,675,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
40.19 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
40.20 acquire native prairie bank easements in  
40.21 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
40.22 84.96, on approximately 250 acres, prepare  
40.23 baseline property assessments, restore and  
40.24 enhance native prairie sites, and provide  
40.25 technical assistance to landowners. Of this  
40.26 amount, up to \$132,000 may be deposited in  
40.27 a conservation easement stewardship account.  
40.28 Deposits into the conservation easement  
40.29 stewardship account must be made upon  
40.30 closing on conservation easements or at a time  
40.31 otherwise approved in the work plan. A list of  
40.32 proposed easement acquisitions must be  
40.33 provided as part of the required work plan.  
40.34 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
40.35 2020, by which time the project must be  
40.36 completed and final products delivered.



41.1 **(f) Leech Lake Acquisition**

41.2 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
41.3 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
41.4 an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of  
41.5 Ojibwe to acquire approximately 45 acres,  
41.6 including 0.67 miles of shoreline of  
41.7 high-quality aquatic and wildlife habitat at the  
41.8 historic meeting place between Henry  
41.9 Schoolcraft and the Anishinabe people. The  
41.10 land must be open to public use including  
41.11 hunting and fishing. The band must provide a  
41.12 commitment that land will not be put in a  
41.13 federal trust through the Bureau of Indian  
41.14 Affairs.

41.15 **(g) Mesabi Trail Development**

41.16 \$2,269,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
41.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
41.18 an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake  
41.19 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for  
41.20 engineering and constructing segments of the  
41.21 Mesabi Trail. This appropriation is available  
41.22 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project  
41.23 must be completed and final products  
41.24 delivered.

41.25 **(h) Tower Trailhead Boat Landing and Habitat**  
41.26 **Improvement - Phase II**

41.27 \$600,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
41.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
41.29 an agreement with the city of Tower to  
41.30 construct a trailhead, trail connection to the  
41.31 Mesabi Trail, and boat landing and to restore  
41.32 vegetative habitat on city-owned property.  
41.33 Plant and seed materials must follow the Board  
41.34 of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
41.35 establishment and enhancement guidelines.

42.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 42.2 ~~2020~~ 2023, by which time the project must be  
 42.3 completed and final products delivered.

42.4 **(i) Land Acquisition for Voyageurs National**  
 42.5 **Park Crane Lake Visitors Center**

42.6 \$950,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 42.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 42.8 an agreement with the town of Crane Lake, in  
 42.9 partnership with Voyageurs National Park and  
 42.10 the Department of Natural Resources, to  
 42.11 acquire approximately 30 acres to be used for  
 42.12 a visitor center and campground. Income  
 42.13 generated by the campground may be used to  
 42.14 support the facility.

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

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

42.17 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**  
 42.18 **Species**

-0- 5,760,000

42.19 **(a) Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and**  
 42.20 **Pests Center - Phase 4**

42.21 \$3,500,000 the second year is from the trust  
 42.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 42.23 of Minnesota for high-priority research at the  
 42.24 Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center  
 42.25 to protect Minnesota's natural and agricultural  
 42.26 resources from terrestrial invasive plants,  
 42.27 pathogens, and pests as identified through the  
 42.28 center's strategic prioritization process. This  
 42.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023,  
 42.30 by which time the project must be completed  
 42.31 and final products delivered.

42.32 **(b) Palmer Amaranth Detection and Eradication**  
 42.33 **Continuation**

43.1 \$431,000 the second year is from the trust  
43.2 fund to the commissioner of agriculture to  
43.3 continue to monitor, ground survey, and  
43.4 control Palmer amaranth and other prohibited  
43.5 eradicate species of noxious weeds primarily  
43.6 in ~~conservation plantings~~ natural areas and to  
43.7 develop and implement aerial-survey methods  
43.8 to prevent infestation and protect prairies,  
43.9 other natural areas, and agricultural crops.

43.10 **(c) Evaluate Control Methods for Invasive**  
43.11 **Hybrid Cattails**

43.12 \$131,000 the second year is from the trust  
43.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
43.14 for an agreement with Voyageurs National  
43.15 Park to evaluate the effectiveness of  
43.16 mechanical harvesting and managing muskrat  
43.17 populations to remove exotic hybrid cattails  
43.18 and restore fish and wildlife habitat in  
43.19 Minnesota wetlands. This appropriation is  
43.20 available until June 30, 2021, by which time  
43.21 the project must be completed and final  
43.22 products delivered.

43.23 **(d) Developing RNA Interference to Control**  
43.24 **Zebra Mussels**

43.25 \$500,000 the second year is from the trust  
43.26 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
43.27 for an agreement with the United States  
43.28 Geological Survey to develop a genetic control  
43.29 tool that exploits the natural process of RNA  
43.30 silencing to specifically target and effectively  
43.31 control zebra mussels without affecting other  
43.32 species or causing other nontarget effects. This  
43.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,  
43.34 by which time the project must be completed  
43.35 and final products delivered.

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

44.3 \$998,000 the second year is from the trust  
44.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
44.5 of Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
44.6 States Army Corps of Engineers and the  
44.7 United States Fish and Wildlife Service to  
44.8 install, evaluate, and optimize a system in  
44.9 Mississippi River locks and dams to deter  
44.10 passage of invasive carp without negatively  
44.11 impacting native fish and to evaluate the  
44.12 ability of predator fish in the pools above the  
44.13 locks and dams to consume young carp. The  
44.14 project must conduct a cost comparison of  
44.15 equipment purchase versus lease options and  
44.16 choose the most effective option. This  
44.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,  
44.18 by which time the project must be completed  
44.19 and final products delivered.

44.20 **(f) Determining Risk of Toxic Alga in Minnesota**  
44.21 **Lakes**

44.22 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust  
44.23 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for  
44.24 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
44.25 determine the historical distribution,  
44.26 abundance, and toxicity of the invasive  
44.27 blue-green alga, *Cylindrospermopsis*  
44.28 *raciborskii*, in about 20 lakes across Minnesota  
44.29 and inform managers and the public about the  
44.30 alga's spread and health risks. This  
44.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,  
44.32 by which time the project must be completed  
44.33 and final products delivered.

44.34 **Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

44.35 Sections 1, 2, and 4 are effective the day following final enactment.