

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 207 as follows:

1.2 Page 13, after line 20, insert:

1.3 **"(i) Metropolitan Regional Parks Wildlife**  
1.4 **Habitat Protection and Restoration**

1.5 \$6,396,000 in the first year is to the  
1.6 Metropolitan Council to restore and enhance  
1.7 fish and wildlife habitat in forests, prairies,  
1.8 and wetlands in the metropolitan regional  
1.9 parks system. Of this amount:

1.10 (1) \$500,000 is for Dakota County to convert  
1.11 existing agricultural land and low-quality  
1.12 woods and grassland in Whitetail Woods  
1.13 Regional Park to prairie and oak savanna  
1.14 centered around an existing wetland,  
1.15 resulting in substantial habitat improvements  
1.16 for waterfowl and other wildlife;

1.17 (2) \$60,000 is for Dakota County to protect  
1.18 and enhance Miesville Ravine Park Reserve  
1.19 through earth shaping, slope stabilization,  
1.20 and perhaps piping of one severe gully  
1.21 erosion situation and other eroding sites that  
1.22 are presently contributing sediment to Trout  
1.23 Brook, impairing water quality and the brook  
1.24 trout population;

1.25 (3) \$500,000 to the city of Saint Paul for the  
1.26 restoration of two acres of prairie adjacent to

2.1 Pickerel Lake, and planting and enhancing  
2.2 an additional two acres of prairie, five  
2.3 acres of forest, and one acre of wetland in  
2.4 Lilydale Regional Park. This will enhance  
2.5 connectivity of existing natural resources  
2.6 including floodplain forest, upland prairie  
2.7 and emergent marsh;

2.8 (4) \$915,000 is for the Minneapolis Park and  
2.9 Recreation Board to protect, restore, and  
2.10 enhance shorelines; reduce invasive upland  
2.11 species; and repair erosion and unpaved  
2.12 walking paths at Sweeney and Twin Lakes  
2.13 and to enhance the Wirth Lake wetland  
2.14 complex; reduce invasive upland species;  
2.15 correct erosion problems; close unauthorized  
2.16 trails; and repair unpaved walking paths in  
2.17 Theodore Wirth Regional Park;

2.18 (5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore  
2.19 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along  
2.20 the bluff of the Mississippi River, including  
2.21 restoration and enhancement of prairie,  
2.22 savanna, oak woods, and shrub swamp seeps  
2.23 to improve waterfowl and upland game bird  
2.24 feeding and nesting habitats;

2.25 (6) \$210,000 is for the Three Rivers Park  
2.26 District to restore the water quality and  
2.27 game fish habitat in Lake Independence in  
2.28 Barker Park Reserve by reducing phosphorus  
2.29 loading from Spurzem and Half Moon Lakes  
2.30 through treatment with aluminum sulfate;

2.31 (7) \$400,000 is for the Three Rivers Park  
2.32 District to enhance and restore the quality  
2.33 of Cleary Lake and restore the fishery by  
2.34 controlling curly-leaf pondweed, reducing  
2.35 phosphorus runoff from the watershed, and

3.1 controlling internal phosphorus cycling with  
3.2 aluminum sulfate;

3.3 (8) \$200,000 is for Carver County to restore  
3.4 and enhance Lake Minnewashta Regional  
3.5 Park by converting 37 acres of existing  
3.6 turf or old fields to native prairie and oak  
3.7 savanna. These areas are identified in the  
3.8 park master plan as medium to high potential  
3.9 sites for restoration;

3.10 (9) \$270,000 is for Anoka County to  
3.11 restore and enhance 120 acres of prairie  
3.12 and woodland habitat within the 273-acre  
3.13 Mississippi West Regional Park. Outcomes  
3.14 will include increased habitat for game and  
3.15 nongame species and benefits to migratory  
3.16 waterfowl on the Mississippi flyway;

3.17 (10) \$200,000 is for Anoka County to  
3.18 restore 45 acres of prairie and oak savanna  
3.19 and remove invasive species from 40  
3.20 acres of riparian forest land at Rum River  
3.21 Central Regional Park. The restoration  
3.22 will benefit the adjacent 550-acre Cedar  
3.23 Creek Conservation Area, which is open to  
3.24 hunting and was funded through a recent  
3.25 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund;

3.26 (11) \$338,000 is for Scott County to restore  
3.27 and enhance 150 acres within the 1,150-acre  
3.28 conservation-focused Doyle-Kennefick  
3.29 Regional Park. The project site is part of an  
3.30 850-acre mosaic of natural lands including  
3.31 Minnesota County Biological Survey forest  
3.32 and some of the highest quality wetlands in  
3.33 Scott County. The park master plan identifies  
3.34 this natural complex to be conserved for

4.1 habitat and biological diversity with very  
4.2 light recreational development;

4.3 (12) \$37,000 is for Scott County to restore  
4.4 and enhance Cedar Lake Farm Regional  
4.5 Park by partnering with the Cedar Lake  
4.6 Improvement District and Scott Watershed  
4.7 Management Organization for four years of  
4.8 treatment to control the curly-leaf pondweed  
4.9 infestation dominating Cedar Lake. The  
4.10 goal is to restore 700 acres of shallow lake,  
4.11 improve fishing opportunities, and increase  
4.12 native aquatic plant habitat;

4.13 (13) \$1,523,000 is for Scott County to  
4.14 restore and enhance 302 acres of contiguous  
4.15 forest, wetlands, and lakeshore in Spring  
4.16 Lake Regional Park by improving habitat  
4.17 for interior forest birds, waterfowl, and  
4.18 amphibians. Adjacent to Upper Prior, Spring,  
4.19 and Artic Lakes, this site is part of a larger  
4.20 permanent habitat network;

4.21 (14) \$425,000 is for Washington County to  
4.22 restore and enhance Lake Elmo Park Reserve  
4.23 by creating 168 acres of interconnected  
4.24 tallgrass prairie through the restoration of 12  
4.25 wetland basins that are scattered throughout  
4.26 an existing tallgrass prairie complex. These  
4.27 diverse landscapes provide critical habitat for  
4.28 native ground-nesting birds; and

4.29 (15) \$350,000 is for Washington County to  
4.30 restore and enhance rare and unique forest  
4.31 communities identified by the Department  
4.32 of Natural Resources in Lake Elmo Park  
4.33 Reserve and St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.  
4.34 These forests provide exceptional habitat  
4.35 for native and migrating bird species and

5.1 represent some of the best opportunities for  
5.2 avian habitat improvement in Washington  
5.3 County.

5.4 Funded projects must implement priority  
5.5 natural resource management plan  
5.6 components of regional park master plans  
5.7 approved by the Metropolitan Council."

5.8 Page 13, line 21, delete "(i)" and insert "(j)"

5.9 Adjust amounts accordingly