1.1	moves to amend H.F. No. 207	7 as follo	OWS:	
1.2	Delete everything after the enacting clause	and inse	ert:	
1.3	"Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROL	PRIATI	ON.	
1.4	The sums shown in the columns marked "A	Appropri	ations" are appropri	iated to the
1.5	agencies and for the purposes specified in this act	. The ap	propriations are from	m the outdoor
1.6	heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each	n purpos	e. The figures "2014	4" and "2015"
1.7	used in this act mean that the appropriations liste	d under	the figure are availa	able for the
1.8	fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 20	15, resp	ectively. "The first	year" is fiscal
1.9	year 2014. "The second year" is fiscal year 2015.	The "bi	iennium" is fiscal ye	ears 2014 and
1.10	2015. The appropriations in this act are onetime	<u>-</u>		
1.11 1.12 1.13 1.14			<u>APPROPRIATIO</u> Available for the <u>Ending June 3</u> 2014	Year
1.15	Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND			
1.16	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	<u>96,123,000</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>68,207,000</u>
1.17	This appropriation is from the outdoor			
1.18	heritage fund. The amounts that may be			
1.19	spent for each purpose are specified in the			
1.20	following subdivisions.			
1.21	Subd. 2. Prairies		24,730,000	15,156,000
1.22	(a) Grasslands for the Future			
1.23	\$2,000,000 in the first year and \$2,000,000 in			
1.04				
1.24	the second year are to the Board of Water and			

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2.1	permanent conservation easements on
2.2	grasslands in cooperation with the Minnesota
2.3	Land Trust and the Conservation Fund. Up
2.4	to \$1,850,000 may be used for agreements
2.5	with the Minnesota Land Trust to acquire
2.6	permanent conservation easements and up
2.7	to \$75,000 may be used for establishing
2.8	monitoring and enforcement funds with
2.9	the Minnesota Land Trust and the Board
2.10	of Water and Soil Resources, as approved
2.11	in the accomplishment plan and subject
2.12	to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
2.13	subdivision 17. Up to \$75,000 may be used
2.14	for an agreement with the Conservation Fund
2.15	for professional services. Easements funded
2.16	under this appropriation are not subject to
2.17	emergency haying and grazing orders. Any
2.18	net proceeds accruing to a project partner
2.19	from real estate transactions related to this
2.20	project must be used for the purposes outlined
2.21	in this appropriation. A list of permanent
2.22	conservation easements must be provided as
2.23	part of the required accomplishment plan.
2.24	(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area
2.25	Program - Phase V
2.26	\$4,960,000 in the first year and \$4,000,000
2.27	in the second year are to the commissioner
2.28	of natural resources for an agreement
2.29	with Pheasants Forever to acquire land
2.30	in fee for wildlife management purposes
2.31	under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
2.32	subdivision 8. A list of proposed land

2.33 <u>acquisitions must be provided as part of the</u>

- 2.34 <u>required accomplishment plan.</u>
- 2.35 (c) DNR Land Acquisition Phase V

3.1	\$4,940,000 in the first year and \$1,600,000
3.2	in the second year are to the commissioner
3.3	of natural resources to acquire land in
3.4	fee for wildlife management purposes
3.5	under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
3.6	subdivision 8; acquire land in fee for scientific
3.7	and natural area purposes under Minnesota
3.8	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5;
3.9	acquire native prairie bank easements under
3.10	Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96; and
3.11	acquire land in fee for parks under Minnesota
3.12	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 2. Of
3.13	this amount, \$600,000 the second year is for
3.14	acquisition of land for Sibley State Park. Up
3.15	to \$42,000 of the total appropriation is for
3.16	establishing a monitoring and enforcement
3.17	fund, as approved in the accomplishment
3.18	plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
3.19	section 97A.056, subdivision 17, for native
3.20	prairie bank easements. A list of proposed
3.21	land and permanent conservation easement
3.22	acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.23	required accomplishment plan.
3.24	(d) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase
3.25	<u>IV</u>
3.26	\$4,310,000 in the first year and \$3,000,000
3.27	in the second year are to the commissioner of
3.28	natural resources for an agreement with The
3.29	Nature Conservancy to acquire native prairie,
3.30	wetland, and savanna and restore and enhance
3.31	grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. A list of
3.32	proposed land acquisitions must be provided
5.54	proposed fund acquisitions must be provided

- 3.33 <u>as part of the required accomplishment plan.</u>
- 3.34 <u>Annual income statements and balance sheets</u>
- 3.35 for income and expenses from land acquired
- 3.36 with this appropriation must be submitted to

the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council 4.1 4.2 no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. 4.3 (e) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water -4.4 Phase III 4.5 \$3,520,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000 4.6 in the second year are to the Board of Water 4.7 and Soil Resources to acquire permanent 4.8 conservation easements to protect and 4.9 enhance habitat by expanding clean water 4.10 fund riparian wildlife buffers on private 4.11 land. Up to \$120,000 is for establishing 4.12 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as 4.13 4.14 approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.15 4.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. Easements funded under this appropriation are not subject to 4.17 emergency having and grazing orders. A list 4.18 4.19 of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report. 4.20 (f) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex 4.21 - Phase III 4.22 \$1,780,000 in the first year and \$800,000 in 4.23 the second year are to the commissioner of 4.24 natural resources for an agreement with Trust 4.25 for Public Land to acquire and restore lands 4.26 in the Cannon River watershed for wildlife 4.27 4.28 management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, 4.29 or aquatic management area purposes 4.30 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, 4.31 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. A list of 4.32 proposed land acquisitions must be provided 4.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan. 4.34 (g) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and 4 35 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase V** 4.36

<u>9,185,000</u> <u>10,476,000</u>

5.1	\$2,220,000 in the first year and \$1,756,000
5.2	in the second year are to the commissioner of
5.3	natural resources to accelerate the restoration
5.4	and enhancement of wildlife management
5.5	areas, scientific and natural areas, and land
5.6	under native prairie bank easements. A list of
5.7	proposed land restorations and enhancements
5.8	must be provided as part of the required
5.9	accomplishment plan.
5.10	(h) Green Corridor Legacy Program - Phase V
5.11	\$1,000,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000
5.12	in the second year are to the commissioner
5.13	of natural resources for an agreement with
5.14	Redwood Area Development Corporation to
5.15	acquire land in fee for wildlife management
5.16	area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,
5.17	section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and for
5.18	aquatic management area under Minnesota
5.19	Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision
5.20	14, and 97C.02. A list of proposed land
5.21	acquisitions must be provided as part of the
5.22	required accomplishment plan.
5.23	Subd. 3. Forests
5.24	(a) Young Forest Conservation
5.25	\$1,180,000 in the first year and \$500,000
5.26	in the second year are to the commissioner
5.27	of natural resources for an agreement with
5.28	the American Bird Conservancy to acquire
5.29	lands in fee to be added to the wildlife
5.30	management area system under Minnesota
5.31	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and
5.32	to restore and enhance habitat on publicly
5.33	protected land. A list of proposed land
5.34	acquisitions must be provided as part of the
5.35	required accomplishment plan.

6.1 (b) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase III

6.2	\$1,150,000 in the first year and \$500,000 in
6.3	the second are to the Board of Water and Soil
6.4	Resources and \$300,000 in the first year is
6.5	to the Department of Natural Resources to
6.6	acquire land in fee to be added to the wildlife
6.7	management area system under Minnesota
6.8	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and
6.9	to acquire permanent conservation easements
6.10	on lands adjacent to the Mississippi and
6.11	Crow Wing Rivers and within the boundaries
6.12	of the Minnesota National Guard Army
6.13	Compatible Use Buffer. Of the amount
6.14	appropriated to the Board of Water and
6.15	Soil Resources, \$49,900 is for a grant
6.16	to the Morrison County Soil and Water
6.17	Conservation District and up to \$33,600 is for
6.18	establishing a monitoring and enforcement
6.19	fund, as approved in the accomplishment
6.20	plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
6.21	section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
6.22	proposed land acquisitions and permanent
6.23	conservation easements must be provided as
6.24	part of the required accomplishment plan.
6.25	(c) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed
6.26	<u>Grouse Habitat Program - Phase IV</u>
6.27	\$1,180,000 in the first year and \$900,000
6.28	in the second year are to the commissioner
6.29	of natural resources for an agreement with
6.30	Pheasants Forever in cooperation with the
6.31	Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society
6.32	to acquire and enhance lands in Aitkin,
6.33	Carlton, and Kanabec Counties for wildlife
6 34	management purposes under Minnesota

- 6.34 <u>management purposes under Minnesota</u>
- 6.35 <u>Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision</u>

- 8. A list of proposed land acquisitions 7.1 7.2 must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. 7.3 (d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass 7.4 **County - Phase IV** 7.5 \$500,000 in the first year and \$500,000 in 7.6 the second year are to the commissioner of 7.7 7.8 natural resources for an agreement with Cass County to acquire land in fee in Cass County 7.9 for forest wildlife habitat or to prevent 7.10 forest fragmentation. A list of proposed land 7.11 acquisitions must be provided as part of the 7.12 7.13 required accomplishment plan. (e) Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection 7.14 7.15 **Program - Phase II** \$820,000 in the first year and \$600,000 in 7.16 the second year are to the commissioner of 7.17 natural resources for an agreement with the 7.18 Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent 7.19 conservation easements along rivers and 7.20 lakes in the northern forest region. Up to 7.21 7.22 \$160,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in 7.23 the accomplishment plan and subject to 7.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, 7.25 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent 7.26 conservation easements must be provided as 7.27 part of the required accomplishment plan. 7.28 (f) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative -7 29 Phase II 7.30 7.31 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
- 7.32 <u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>
- 7.33 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
- 7.34 Association to restore and enhance public
- 7.35 forest lands in the northern forest region

- for moose habitat purposes. A list of 8.1 8.2 proposed land restoration and enhancements must be provided as part of the required 8.3 8.4 accomplishment plan. (g) Minnesota Forests for the Future 8.5 \$1,055,000 in the first year and \$5,000,000 8.6 in the second year are to the commissioner 8.7 of natural resources to acquire permanent 8.8 working forest easements on up to 150,000 8.9 acres of private forest lands in Itasca, 8.10 Koochiching, and Saint Louis Counties 8.11 identified through the Minnesota Forests 8.12 8.13 for the Future program under Minnesota 8.14 Statutes, section 84.66. The commissioner may use the first year appropriation for land 8.15 acquisition pre-transaction costs including, 8.16 but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, and 8.17 8.18 title research. (h) Preventing Forest Fragmentation and 8.19 Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream 8.20 Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed 8.21 \$1,000,000 in the first year and \$1,476,000 8.22 8.23 in the second year are to the commissioner 8.24 of natural resources for an agreement with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior 8.25 Chippewa to acquire land in fee and to restore 8.26 8.27 and enhance forests, prairie, and wetlands within the Fond du Lac Reservation. A list of 8.28 proposed land acquisitions must be provided 8.29 as part of the required accomplishment plan. 8.30 (i) Accelerated Forest Habitat Enhancement -8.31
- 8.33 \$1,000,000 in the second year is to the
- 8.34 <u>commissioner of natural resources to restore</u>

Phase III

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9.1	and enhance lands in state forests, pursuant		
9.2	to Minnesota Statutes, section 89.021.		
9.3	Subd. 4. Wetlands	29,760,000	16,800,000
9.4 9.5	<u>(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve</u> <u>Program Partnership - Phase V</u>		
9.6	\$16,00,000 in the first year and \$8,000,000		
9.7	in the second year are to the Board of Soil		
9.8	and Water Resources to acquire permanent		
9.9	conservation easements and restore wetlands		
9.10	and associated upland habitat in cooperation		
9.11	with the United States Department of		
9.12	Agriculture Wetlands Reserve Program and		
9.13	Ducks Unlimited, including \$1,000,000		
9.14	for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited		
9.15	to provide technical and bioengineering		
9.16	assistance. Up to \$120,000 is for establishing		
9.17	a monitoring and enforcement fund, as		
9.18	approved in the accomplishment plan and		
9.19	subject to Minnesota Statutes, section		
9.20	97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent		
9.21	conservation easements must be provided as		
9.22	part of the final report.		
9.23 9.24	(b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition - Phase V		
9.25	\$4,830,000 in the first year and \$4,000,000		
9.26	in the second year are to the commissioner		
9.27	of natural resources for an agreement		
9.28	with Pheasants Forever to acquire land		
9.29	in fee to be designated and managed as		
9.30	waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,		
9.31	in cooperation with the United States Fish		
9.32	and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land		
9.33	acquisitions must be provided as part of the		
9.34	required accomplishment plan.		

10.1 10.2	<u>(c) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland</u> <u>Initiative - Phase III</u>
10.3	\$2,530,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000
10.4	in the second year are to the commissioner
10.5	of natural resources for an agreement
10.6	with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land
10.7	in fee for wildlife management purposes
10.8	under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
10.9	subdivision 8. A list of proposed land
10.10	acquisitions must be provided as part of the
10.11	required accomplishment plan.
10.12 10.13	(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program - Phase II
10.14	\$1,630,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000
10.15	in the second year are to the Board of Water
10.16	and Soil Resources to acquire in fee wild
10.17	rice lake shoreland habitat for native wild
10.18	rice bed protection and to acquire permanent
10.19	conservation easements in cooperation with
10.20	Ducks Unlimited. Of this amount, \$100,000
10.21	is for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited
10.22	for acquisition of land or interests in land
10.23	to protect native wild rice beds. Up to
10.24	\$48,000 is for establishing a monitoring
10.25	and enforcement fund, as approved in
10.26	the accomplishment plan and subject to
10.27	Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
10.28	subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
10.29	acquisitions must be included as part of the
10.30	required accomplishment plan.
10.31	(e) Wetland Habitat Program
10.32	\$1,980,000 in the first year is to the
10.33	commissioner of natural resources for an
10.34	agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust to

10.35 <u>acquire permanent conservation easements</u>

- 11.1 <u>in high-priority wetland complexes in</u>
- 11.2 <u>the prairie and forest/prairie transition</u>
- 11.3 regions. Up to \$280,000 is for establishing
- 11.4 <u>a monitoring and enforcement fund, as</u>
- 11.5 <u>approved in the accomplishment plan and</u>
- 11.6 <u>subject to Minnesota Statutes, section</u>
- 11.7 <u>97A.056</u>, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
- 11.8 land acquisitions must be included as part of
- 11.9 <u>the required accomplishment plan.</u>

11.10(f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands11.11Enhancement - Phase V

- 11.12 <u>\$1,790,000 in the first year and \$1,800,000</u>
- 11.13 in the second year are to the commissioner
- 11.14 of natural resources to enhance and restore
- 11.15 shallow lakes, including \$210,000 for an
- 11.16 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to help
- 11.17 implement restorations and enhancements.
- 11.18 <u>A list of proposed land restorations and</u>
- 11.19 <u>enhancements must be provided as part of</u>
- 11.20 <u>the required accomplishment plan.</u>

11.21 (g) Pelican Lake Enhancement

- 11.22 <u>\$1,000,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000</u>
- 11.23 in the second year are to the commissioner
- 11.24 of natural resources for an agreement with
- 11.25 Ducks Unlimited to construct a gravity
- 11.26 <u>outlet, water control structure, and pump</u>
- 11.27 <u>station lift to enhance aquatic habitat in</u>
- 11.28 Pelican Lake in Wright County. A list of
- 11.29 proposed land restoration and enhancements
- 11.30 <u>must be included as part of the required</u>
- 11.31 <u>accomplishment plan</u>.
- 11.32 Subd. 5. Habitats
- 11.33 (a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Phase V

25,450,000

31,188,000

\$3,250,000 in the first year and \$2,000,000 12.1 12.2 in the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire interests in 12.3 12.4 land in fee for aquatic management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, 12.5 subdivision 14, and 97C.02, and to restore 12.6 and enhance aquatic habitat. A list of 12.7 proposed land acquisitions and restorations 12.8 and enhancements must be provided as part 12.9 of the required accomplishment plan. 12.10 (b) Habitat Protection in Dakota County -12.11 Phase IV 12.12 \$2,100,000 in the first year and \$2,000,000 12.13 12.14 in the second year are to the commissioner 12.15 of natural resources for an agreement 12.16 with Dakota County to acquire, restore, and enhance lands in Dakota County for 12.17 fish and wildlife management purposes 12.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, 12.19 subdivision 8, or aquatic management area 12.20 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 12.21 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02, and to 12.22 acquire permanent conservation easements 12.23 and restore and enhance habitats in rivers 12.24 and lake watersheds in Dakota County. Up 12.25 to \$60,000 is for establishing a monitoring 12.26 and enforcement fund, as approved in 12.27 12.28 the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, 12.29 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land 12.30 acquisitions and permanent conservation 12.31 easements must be provided as part of the 12.32 required accomplishment plan. 12.33 12.34 (c) Root River Protection and Restoration

13.1	\$2,750,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000
13.2	in the second year are to the commissioner
13.3	of natural resources for agreements to
13.4	acquire land in fee for scientific and
13.5	natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
13.6	sections 86A.05, subdivision 5, and for
13.7	state forest purposes under Minnesota
13.8	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7,
13.9	and to acquire permanent conservation
13.10	easements as follows: \$2,122,000 to The
13.11	Nature Conservancy and \$628,000 to the
13.12	Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$100,000 is for
13.13	establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.14	fund, as approved in the accomplishment
13.15	plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
13.16	section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list
13.17	of proposed acquisitions and permanent
13.18	conservation easements must be provided as
13.19	part of the required accomplishment plan.
13.20	(d) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase IV
13.21	\$1,720,000 in the first year and \$700,000 in
13.22	the second year are to the commissioner of
13.23	natural resources for agreements to acquire
13.24	land in fee and as permanent conservation
13.25	easements and to restore and enhance natural
13.26	systems associated with the Mississippi,
13.27	Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers as follows:
13.28	\$450,000 to the Minnesota Valley National
13.29	Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to
13.30	the Friends of the Mississippi; \$210,000 to
13.31	the Great River Greening; \$450,000 to the
13.32	Minnesota Land Trust; and \$450,000 to the
13.33	Trust for Public Land. Up to \$80,000 is for
13.34	establishing a monitoring and enforcement

- 13.35 <u>fund, as approved in the accomplishment</u>
- 13.36 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,

- section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of 14.1 14.2 proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as 14.3 14.4 part of the required accomplishment plan. (e) Minnesota Landscape Arboretum 14.5 14.6 \$1,000,000 in the first year is to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota 14.7 14.8 to acquire land in fee surrounding Lake 14.9 Tamarack in Carver County to be added to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. A land 14.10 14.11 description must be provided as part of the 14.12 required accomplishment plan. 14.13 (f) Lower Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase III 14.14 14.15 \$1,700,000 in the first year and \$1,700,000 in the second year are to the commissioner of 14.16 natural resources to enhance aquatic habitat. 14.17 14.18 Of this amount, \$450,000 is for an agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife 14.19 Service to enhance aquatic habitat in the 14.20 lower Mississippi River watershed. A list of 14.21 proposed land restorations and enhancements 14.22 must be provided as part of the required 14.23 14.24 accomplishment plan. (g) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -14.25 Phase V 14.26 \$1,470,000 in the first year and \$1,000,000 14.27 in the second year are to the commissioner 14.28 of natural resources for an agreement 14.29 with Minnesota Trout Unlimited to restore 14.30 14.31 and enhance coldwater river and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list of proposed 14.32 land restorations and enhancements 14.33
- 14.34 must be provided as part of the required
- 14.35 <u>accomplishment plan.</u>

15.1 (h) Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive 15.2 Species Control Structure - Phase III

- 15.3 \$1,127,000 in the first year is to the
- 15.4 commissioner of natural resources for
- 15.5 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
- 15.6 Watershed District to construct structural
- 15.7 deterrents and lake level controls to enhance
- 15.8 aquatic habitat on Albert Lea Lake in
- 15.9 Freeborn County. A list of proposed
- 15.10 land restorations and enhancements
- 15.11 must be provided as part of the required
- 15.12 <u>accomplishment plan.</u>

15.13 (i) Metropolitan Regional Parks Wildlife

- 15.14 Habitat Protection and Restoration
- 15.15 <u>\$6,396,000 in the first year is to the</u>
- 15.16 Metropolitan Council to restore and enhance
- 15.17 fish and wildlife habitat in forests, prairies,
- 15.18 and wetlands in the metropolitan regional
- 15.19 parks system. Of this amount:
- 15.20 (1) \$500,000 is for Dakota County to convert
- 15.21 existing agricultural land and low-quality
- 15.22 woods and grassland in Whitetail Woods
- 15.23 Regional Park to prairie and oak savanna
- 15.24 centered around an existing wetland,
- 15.25 resulting in substantial habitat improvements
- 15.26 for waterfowl and other wildlife;
- 15.27 (2) \$60,000 is for Dakota County to protect
- 15.28 and enhance Miesville Ravine Park Reserve
- 15.29 through earth shaping, slope stabilization,
- and perhaps piping of one severe gully
- 15.31 erosion situation and other eroding sites that
- 15.32 are presently contributing sediment to Trout
- 15.33 Brook, impairing water quality and the brook
- 15.34 <u>trout population;</u>

16.1	(3) \$500,000 is for the city of St. Paul
16.2	to restore two acres of prairie adjacent to
16.3	Pickerel Lake and to plant and enhance
16.4	an additional two acres of prairie, five
16.5	acres of forest, and one acre of wetland in
16.6	Lilydale Regional Park. This will enhance
16.7	connectivity of existing natural resources
16.8	including floodplain forest, upland prairie,
16.9	and emergent marsh;
16.10	(4) \$915,000 is for the Minneapolis Park and
16.11	Recreation Board to protect, restore, and
16.12	enhance shorelines; reduce invasive upland
16.12	species; and repair erosion and unpaved
16.14	walking paths at Sweeney and Twin Lakes
16.15	and to enhance the Wirth Lake wetland
16.16	complex; reduce invasive upland species;
16.17	correct erosion problems; close unauthorized
16.18	trails; and repair unpaved walking paths in
10.10	tuns, and repair anpaved warking paths in
16 19	Theodore Wirth Regional Park
16.19	Theodore Wirth Regional Park;
16.19 16.20	<u>Theodore Wirth Regional Park;</u> (5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore
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16.20	(5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore
16.20 16.21	(5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along
16.20 16.21 16.22	 (5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along the bluff of the Mississippi River, including
16.20 16.21 16.22 16.23	 (5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along the bluff of the Mississippi River, including restoration and enhancement of prairie,
16.20 16.21 16.22 16.23 16.24	(5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along the bluff of the Mississippi River, including restoration and enhancement of prairie, savanna, oak woods, and shrub swamp seeps
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 16.20 16.21 16.22 16.23 16.24 16.25 16.26 	(5) \$468,000 is for Ramsey County to restore 72 acres in Battle Creek Regional Park along the bluff of the Mississippi River, including restoration and enhancement of prairie, savanna, oak woods, and shrub swamp seeps to improve waterfowl and upland game bird feeding and nesting habitats;
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17.1	controlling curly-leaf pondweed, reducing
17.2	phosphorus runoff from the watershed, and
17.3	controlling internal phosphorus cycling with
17.4	aluminum sulfate;
17.5	(8) \$200,000 is for Carver County to restore
17.6	and enhance Lake Minnewashta Regional
17.7	Park by converting 37 acres of existing
17.8	turf or old fields to native prairie and oak
17.9	savanna. These areas are identified in the
17.10	park master plan as medium to high potential
17.11	sites for restoration;
17.12	(9) \$270,000 is for Anoka County to
17.13	restore and enhance 120 acres of prairie
17.14	and woodland habitat within the 273-acre
17.15	Mississippi West Regional Park. Outcomes
17.16	will include increased habitat for game and
17.17	nongame species and benefits to migratory
17.18	waterfowl on the Mississippi flyway;
17.19	(10) \$200,000 is for Anoka County to
17.20	restore 45 acres of prairie and oak savanna
17.21	and remove invasive species from 40
17.22	acres of riparian forest land at Rum River
17.23	Central Regional Park. The restoration
17.24	will benefit the adjacent 550-acre Cedar
17.25	Creek Conservation Area, which is open to
17.26	hunting and was funded through a recent
17.27	appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund;
17.28	(11) \$338,000 is for Scott County to restore
17.29	and enhance 150 acres within the 1,150-acre
17.30	conservation-focused Doyle-Kennefick
17.31	Regional Park. The project site is part of an
17.32	850-acre mosaic of natural lands including
17.33	Minnesota County Biological Survey forest
17.34	and some of the highest-quality wetlands in
17.35	Scott County. The park master plan identifies

18.1	this natural complex to be conserved for
18.2	habitat and biological diversity with very
18.3	light recreational development;
18.4	(12) \$37,000 is for Scott County to restore
18.5	and enhance Cedar Lake Farm Regional
18.6	Park by partnering with the Cedar Lake
18.7	Improvement District and Scott Watershed
18.8	Management Organization for four years of
18.9	treatment to control the curly-leaf pondweed
18.10	infestation dominating Cedar Lake. The
18.11	goal is to restore 700 acres of shallow lake,
18.12	improve fishing opportunities, and increase
18.13	native aquatic plant habitat;
18.14	(13) \$1,523,000 is for Scott County to
18.15	restore and enhance 302 acres of contiguous
18.16	forest, wetlands, and lakeshore in Spring
18.17	Lake Regional Park by improving habitat
18.18	for interior forest birds, waterfowl, and
18.19	amphibians. Adjacent to Upper Prior, Spring,
18.20	and Arctic Lakes, this site is part of a larger
18.21	permanent habitat network;
18.22	(14) \$425,000 is for Washington County to
18.23	restore and enhance Lake Elmo Park Reserve
18.24	by creating 168 acres of interconnected
18.25	tallgrass prairie through the restoration of 12
18.26	wetland basins that are scattered throughout
18.27	an existing tallgrass prairie complex. These
18.28	diverse landscapes provide critical habitat for
18.29	native ground-nesting birds; and
18.30	(15) \$350,000 is for Washington County to
18.31	restore and enhance rare and unique forest
18.32	communities identified by the Department
18.33	of Natural Resources in Lake Elmo Park
18.34	Reserve and St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.
18.35	These forests provide exceptional habitat

- 19.1 for native and migrating bird species and
- 19.2 represent some of the best opportunities for
- 19.3 avian habitat improvement in Washington
- 19.4 <u>County.</u>
- 19.5 Funded projects must implement priority
- 19.6 <u>natural resource management plan</u>
- 19.7 <u>components of regional park master plans</u>
- 19.8 approved by the Metropolitan Council.
- 19.9 (j) Duluth Flood Stream Habitat Restoration
- 19.10 \$3,000,000 in the first year and \$3,000,000
- 19.11 in the second year are to the commissioner of
- 19.12 <u>natural resources for an agreement with the</u>
- 19.13 South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation
- 19.14 District to create a stream habitat repair
- 19.15 program for cold-water and brook trout
- 19.16 streams in the Duluth area impacted by the
- 19.17 <u>2012 flood.</u>
- 19.18 (k) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian Carp
- 19.19 **\$7,000,000** in the second year is to the
- 19.20 commissioner of natural resources to protect
- 19.21 <u>Minnesota's aquatic habitat from Asian carp.</u>
- 19.22 (1) Lake Minnetonka Protection
- 19.23 **\$1,000,000** in the first year and \$2,000,000
- 19.24 in the second year is to the commissioner
- 19.25 of natural resources for an agreement with
- 19.26 the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- 19.27 to protect lakes, rivers, and streams in the
- 19.28 district from aquatic invasive species.

19.29 (m) Hubbard and Beltrami County Lake 19.30 Association Grants

- 19.31 \$275,000 in the first year and \$200,000
- 19.32 in the second year is to the commissioner
- 19.33 of natural resources for grants to address
- 19.34 aquatic invasive species in Hubbard County

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and Beltrami County. Of this amount, \$75,000 in the first year is for an agreement with Beltrami County for decontamination stations and equipment to be placed at public water access sites on Red Lake; and \$200,000 each year is for grants to lake associations in Beltrami and Hubbard Counties for decontamination stations and equipment at public water access sites. (n) Green Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Protection \$100,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to inspect water-related equipment for the presence of aquatic invasive species and to decontaminate equipment as needed at the city of Spicer public water access site on Green Lake in Kandiyohi County to protect the lake from aquatic invasive species. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner has determined that a nonstate match of at least \$100,000 has been secured for the purchase of decontamination and related equipment for use at the site; and the Kandiyohi County Coulier, Green Lake Township South Shore and Irving Township Outlet public water access sites on Green Lake have been permanently closed. (o) Environmental Learning Area Habitat Restoration

\$790,000 in the first year is to the 20.31

- 20.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
- agreement with the West Central Area School 20.33
- District to acquire and restore native prairie 20.34
- and wetland habitats on 45 acres of land 20.35

- 04/01/13 06:31 PM adjacent to the existing West Central Area 21.1 21.2 Schools Environmental Learning Center. (p) La Salle Lake State Recreation Area 21.3 \$1,000,000 in the second year is to the 21.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore 21.5 and enhance land within La Salle Lake State 21.6 21.7 Recreation Area. 21.8 (q) White Bear Lake Restoration \$750,000 in the first year and \$750,000 in 21.9 21.10 the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance 21.11 aquatic habitat in White Bear Lake. 21.12 (r) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners 21.13 **Grant Program - Phase V** 21.14 21.15 \$3,860,000 in the first year and \$3,000,000 in the second year are to the commissioner 21.16 of natural resources for a program to 21.17 provide competitive, matching grants of 21.18 up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, 21.19 21.20 and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, 21.21 21.22 prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife 21.23 in Minnesota. Grants shall not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties 21.24 of owners of lands subject to conservation 21.25 21.26 easements. Grants shall not be made from appropriations in this paragraph for projects 21.27 that have a total project cost exceeding 21.28 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$366,000 21.29 may be spent for personnel costs and other 21.30
- 21.31 direct and necessary administrative costs, and
- \$10,000 is for outreach efforts to encourage 21.32
- underrepresented communities to apply for 21.33
- grants under this paragraph. Grantees may 21.34
- acquire land or interests in land. Easements 21.35

22.1	must be permanent. Land acquired in fee
22.2	must be open to hunting and fishing during
22.3	the open season unless otherwise provided by
22.4	state law. The program shall require a cash
22.5	match of at least ten percent from nonstate
22.6	sources for all grants. For grant applications
22.7	of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
22.8	provide a separate, simplified application
22.9	process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
22.10	commissioner of natural resources shall,
22.11	when evaluating projects of equal value,
22.12	give priority to organizations that have a
22.13	history of receiving or charter to receive
22.14	private contributions for local conservation
22.15	or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
22.16	conservation easement, priority shall be
22.17	given to projects associated with existing
22.18	wildlife management areas under Minnesota
22.19	Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
22.20	scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
22.21	Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
22.22	subdivision 5; and aquatic management areas
22.23	under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
22.24	subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
22.25	or enhancement projects must be on land
22.26	permanently protected by a conservation
22.27	easement or public ownership or in public
22.28	waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
22.29	section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
22.30	shall be given to restoration and enhancement
22.31	projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
22.32	section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
22.33	to grants awarded under this paragraph.
22.34	This appropriation is available until June
22.35	30, 2017. No less than five percent of the
22.36	amount of each grant must be held back from

23.1	reimbursement until the grant recipient has		
23.2	completed a grant accomplishment report by		
23.3	the deadline and in the form prescribed by		
23.4	and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor		
23.5	Heritage Council. The commissioner shall		
23.6	provide notice of the grant program in		
23.7	the game and fish law summaries that are		
23.8	prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section		
23.9	97A.051, subdivision 2.		
23.10	Subd. 6. Administration	1,260,000	325,000
23.11	(a) Contract Management		
23.12	\$175,000 in the first year and \$175,000 in the		
23.13	second year are to the commissioner		
23.14	of natural resources for contract		
23.15	management duties assigned in this		
23.16	section. The commissioner shall provide an		
23.17	accomplishment plan in the form specified by		
23.18	the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council		
23.19	on the expenditure of this appropriation.		
23.20	The accomplishment plan must include		
23.21	a copy of the grant contract template		
23.22	and reimbursement manual. No money		
23.23	may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams		
23.24	Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the		
23.25	accomplishment plan.		
23.26	(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission		
23.27	\$936,000 in the first year is to the Legislative		
23.28	Coordinating Commission for administrative		
23.29	expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor		
23.30	Heritage Council and for compensation and		
23.31	expense reimbursement of council members.		
23.32	Funds in this appropriation are available until		
23.33	June 30, 2015. Minnesota Statutes, section		
23.34	16A.281, applies to this appropriation.		

24.1	(c) Technical Evaluation Panel
24.2	\$90,000 in the first year and \$90,000 in
24.3	the second year are to the commissioner of
24.4	natural resources for a technical evaluation
24.5	panel to conduct up to ten restoration
24.6	evaluations under Minnesota Statutes,
24.7	section 97A.056, subdivision 10.
24.8 24.9 24.10	(d) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
24.11	\$50,000 in the first year and \$50,000 in
24.12	the second year are to the commissioner of
24.13	natural resources to provide land acquisition
24.14	pre-transaction services including, but
24.15	not limited to, appraisals, surveys, or title
24.16	research for acquisition proposals under
24.17	consideration by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
24.18	Heritage Council. A list of activities must be
24.19	included in the final accomplishment plan.
24.20	(e) Legacy Web Site
24.21	\$9,000 in the first year and \$10,000 in
24.22	the second year are for the Legislative
24.23	Coordinating Commission for the Web site
24.24	required in Minnesota Statutes, section
24.25	3.303, subdivision 10.
24.26	Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation
24.27	Money appropriated in this section may
24.28	not be spent on activities unless they are
24.29	directly related to and necessary for a
24.30	specific appropriation and are specified in
24.31	the accomplishment plan approved by the
24.32	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
24.33	Money appropriated in this section must
24.34	not be spent on indirect costs or other

25.1	institutional overhead charges that are not
25.2	directly related to and necessary for a specific
25.3	appropriation. Unless otherwise provided,
25.4	the amounts in this section are available
25.5	until June 30, 2016. For acquisition of real
25.6	property, the amounts in this section are
25.7	available until June 30, 2017, if a binding
25.8	agreement with a landowner or purchase
25.9	agreement is entered into by June 30, 2016,
25.10	and closed no later than June 30, 2017. Funds
25.11	for restoration or enhancement are available
25.12	until June 30, 2018, or four years after
25.13	acquisition, whichever is later, in order to
25.14	complete initial restoration or enhancement
25.15	work. If a project receives federal funds, the
25.16	time period of the appropriation is extended
25.17	to equal the availability of federal funding.
25.18	Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition
25.19	of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
25.20	provide for public use of the land acquired
25.21	with the appropriation. Public use facilities
25.22	must have a minimal impact on habitat in
25.23	acquired lands.
25.24	Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital
25.25	Equipment Expenditures
25.26	All agreements referred to in this section must
25.27	be administered on a reimbursement basis
25.28	unless otherwise provided in this section.
25.29	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
25.30	16A.41, expenditures directly related
25.31	to each appropriation's purpose made
25.32	on or after July 1, 2013, or the date of
25.33	accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
25.34	later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
25.35	otherwise provided in this section. For the
25.36	purposes of administering appropriations

26.1	and legislatively authorized agreements
26.2	paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an
26.3	expense must be considered reimbursable
26.4	by the administering agency when the
26.5	recipient presents the agency with an invoice
26.6	or binding agreement with the landowner
26.7	and the recipient attests that the goods have
26.8	been received or the landowner agreement
26.9	is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
26.10	be made upon receiving documentation that
26.11	the items articulated in the accomplishment
26.12	plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
26.13	Heritage Council have been achieved,
26.14	including partial achievements as evidenced
26.15	by progress reports approved by the
26.16	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
26.17	Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
26.18	projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
26.19	support future management of acquired
26.20	lands, or match a federal share. The
26.21	advances must be approved as part of the
26.22	accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
26.23	expenditures for specific items in excess of
26.24	\$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
26.25	part of the accomplishment plan.
26.26	Subd. 9. Mapping
26.27	Each direct recipient of money appropriated
26.28	in this section, as well as each recipient of
26.29	a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
26.30	must provide geographic information to
26.31	the Department of Natural Resources for
26.32	mapping any lands acquired in fee with
26.33	funds appropriated in this section and open

- 26.34 to public taking of fish and game. The
- 26.35 <u>commissioner of natural resources shall</u>
- 26.36 <u>include the lands acquired in fee with</u>

- money appropriated in this section on maps 27.1 showing public recreation opportunities. 27.2 Maps shall include information on and 27.3 27.4 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions. 27.5 Subd. 10. Appropriations carryforward; fee 27.6title acquisition 27.7 The availability of the appropriation for the 27.8 following project is extended to July 1, 2015: 27.9 Laws 2010, chapter 361, article 1, section 27.10 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h), Washington 27.11 County St. Croix River Land Protection, and 27.12 the appropriation may be spent on acquisition 27.13 27.14 of land in fee title to protect habitat associated with the St. Croix River Valley. A list of 27.15 proposed acquisitions must be provided as 27.16 27.17 part of the accomplishment plan.
 - Subd. 11. Conservation Corps Minnesota

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- A recipient of money from an appropriation 27.19
- 27.20 under this section must give consideration
- to and make timely written contact with 27.21
- 27.22 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
- 27.23 use of the corps' services to contract for
- restoration and enhancement services. A 27.24
- copy of the written contact must be filed with 27.25
- the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council 27.26
- within 15 days of execution. 27.27
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read: 27.28 Subd. 3. Council Duties; recommendations and oversight. (a) The council 27.29 27.30 shall make recommendations to the legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that will 27.31 achieve the outcomes of existing natural resource plans, including, but not limited to, 27.32 the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the 27.33 restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, 27.34

game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, 28.1 and expand restored native prairie. In making recommendations, the council shall consider 28.2 a range of options that would best restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, 28.3 and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. The council's biennial recommendations shall 28.4 be submitted no later than January 15 each odd-numbered year. The council may submit 28.5 supplemental recommendations by January 15 in even-numbered years. The council 28.6 shall present its recommendations to the senate and house of representatives committees 28.7 with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources budget by February 15 28.8 in odd-numbered years, and within the first four weeks of the legislative session in 28.9 even-numbered years if the council submitted supplemental recommendations. The 28.10 council's budget recommendations to the legislature shall be separate from the Department 28.11 of Natural Resource's budget recommendations. 28.12

(b) To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a
conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply
for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies,
forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation,
encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie.

(c) The council may work with the Clean Water Council to identify projects that
are consistent with both the purpose of the outdoor heritage fund and the purpose of
the clean water fund.

(d) The council may make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission
on Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will assist in restoring, protecting, and
enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, preventing
forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native
prairie.

(e) Recommendations of the council, including approval of recommendations for theoutdoor heritage fund, require an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council.

(f) The council may work with the Clean Water Council, the Legislative-Citizen
Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, soil and
water conservation districts, and experts from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
and the University of Minnesota in developing the council's recommendations.

(g) The council shall develop and implement a process that ensures that citizens
and potential recipients of funds are included throughout the process, including the
development and finalization of the council's recommendations. The process must include
a fair, equitable, and thorough process for reviewing requests for funding and a clear and
easily understood process for ranking projects.

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- (h) The council shall use the regions of the state based upon the ecological sections
 and subsections developed by the Department of Natural Resources and establish
 objectives for each region and subregion to achieve the purposes of the fund outlined
 in the state constitution.
- (i) The council shall develop and submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
 plans for the first ten years of funding, and a framework for 25 years of funding, consistent
 with statutory and constitutional requirements. The council may use existing plans from
 other legislative, state, and federal sources, as applicable.
- 29.9 (j) The council shall provide oversight of projects funded by the outdoor heritage
 29.10 fund, including evaluating the outcomes of completed projects.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read: 29.11 Subd. 10. Restoration evaluations. The commissioner of natural resources and the 29.12 Board of Water and Soil Resources may convene a technical evaluation panel comprised 29.13 29.14 of five members, including one technical representative from the Board of Water and Soil Resources, one technical representative from the Department of Natural Resources, one 29.15 technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and 29.16 Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project being evaluated. The 29.17 board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from a unit of federal or 29.18 local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel may not be associated 29.19 with the restoration, may vary depending upon the projects being reviewed, and shall 29.20 avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year, the board and the commissioner may 29.21 29.22 assign a coordinator to identify a sample of up to ten habitat restoration projects completed with outdoor heritage funding. The coordinator shall secure the restoration plans for the 29.23 projects specified and direct the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations 29.24 29.25 relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation 29.26 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings 29.27 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage 29.28 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and 29.29 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor 29.30 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations are meeting planned goals, 29.31 any problems with the implementation of restorations, and, if necessary, recommendations 29.32 on improving restorations. The report shall be focused on improving future restorations. 29.33 Up to one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund may 29.34 be used for restoration evaluations under this section. 29.35

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30.1	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
30.2	to read:
30.3	Subd. 20. Acquisitions of lands or interest in lands; commissioner approval;
30.4	appraisals. (a) A recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund that
30.5	acquires an interest in real property must receive written approval from the commissioner
30.6	of natural resources prior to the acquisition, if the interest is acquired in whole or in part
30.7	with the appropriation. Conservation easements to be held by the Board of Water and Soil
30.8	Resources are not subject to commissioner approval under this section.
30.9	(b) The commissioner shall approve acquisitions under this section only when the
30.10	interest in real property:
30.11	(1) is identified as a high priority by the commissioner and meets the objectives and
30.12	criteria identified in the applicable acquisition plan for the intended management status
30.13	of the property; or
30.14	(2) is otherwise identified by the commissioner as a priority for state financing.
30.15	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
30.16	to read:
30.17	Subd. 21. Value assessment. Prior to acquiring an interest in real property with an
30.18	appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund, a recipient of an appropriation must submit
30.19	the most recent tax assessed value of the real property and the amount the recipient plans
30.20	to offer for the interest in real property to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and
30.21	the commissioner of natural resources."