

Subject Tree Planting Funding

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Overview

This bill appropriates money from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 for tree planting and related purposes.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Accelerated conservation planting program; appropriation.
Appropriates \$8,000,000 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for an accelerated conservation planting program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners to establish or enhance tree, shrub, and associated conservation practices that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and add resiliency. Requires \$500,000 to be used to address invasive species. Requires trees acquired with the appropriation to be native to Minnesota. |
| 2 | Living snow fence program; appropriation.
Appropriates \$4,000,000 to the commissioner of transportation for living snow fences that consist of trees, shrubs, native grasses, and wildflowers. Requires trees acquired with the appropriation to be native to Minnesota. |
| 3 | Ash tree replacement grants; appropriation.
Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the commissioner of natural resources for grants to local units of government to replace trees removed due to emerald ash borer (EAB) with priority given to environmental justice areas. Requires trees acquired with the appropriation to be native to Minnesota. |
| 4 | School tree planting grants; appropriation.
Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the commissioner of natural resources for grants to schools to plant trees on school grounds. Requires an application to be prepared jointly with a parent-teacher organization. |



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