

M.L. 2015 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Appropriations (FY 2016) - S.F. 698 - Summary of Conference Committee Report

ENRTF Funding Appropriation Changes								
Subd.	Title	Total LCCMR \$ Recommended	Total \$ SF 698 - Senate	Total \$ SF 698 - House	Total \$ SF 698 - Conference Committee	Affiliation	Region of Impact*	Summary of Conference Committee Resolution
03c	Minnesota Biological Survey	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,450,000	MN DNR	Statewide	SENATE POSITION: \$ amount at \$2,450,000.
03m	Aquatic and Terrestrial Reptile Habitat (formerly "Turtle Population Dynamics in an Urban Lake")	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	University of St. Thomas	Metro	SENATE POSITION: \$ amount at \$250,000; project title changed to "Aquatic and Terrestrial Reptile Habitat".
05a	Promotion of Alternative Ammunition to Protect Wildlife from Lead Poisoning	\$132,000	\$132,000	\$0	\$0	U of MN	Statewide	HOUSE POSITION: Appropriation deleted.
05a [NEW]	Trap Shooting Sports Facility Grants	\$0	\$0	\$132,000	\$132,000	MN DNR	Statewide	HOUSE POSITION: Appropriation added.
07a	Analysis of Minnesota Energy Systems to Develop Future Energy Strategies	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	Legislative Energy Commission	Statewide	HOUSE POSITION: Appropriation deleted.
08d	Acceleration of Minnesota Conservation Assistance - Final Phase	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Statewide	SENATE POSITION: \$ amount at \$1,000,000.
08h	Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	MN DNR	Statewide	HOUSE POSITION: Project was transferred from PCA to DNR as the implementing agency.
09d	Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement Acquisition	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	MN DNR	Central, NW, SE, SW	HOUSE POSITION: Language was altered to require that \$135,000 of the appropriation must be deposited in a conservation easement stewardship account.
09j	Multi-benefit Watershed Scale Conservation on North Central Lakes	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Central	HOUSE POSITION: Language was altered so that full appropriation goes to BWSR with a \$54,000 pass-through to Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (technical change) and to require that \$65,000 of the appropriation must be deposited in a conservation easement stewardship account.
10a [NEW]	Emerging Issues Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	Statewide	NEW APPROPRIATION: Deposited into emerging issues account, as authorized in M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4(d) for funding emerging issues, which come up unexpectedly, to be approved by the governor after initiation and recommendation by the commission.
Additional Language Changes								
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03c [HOUSE]	Minnesota Biological Survey	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,450,000	MN DNR	Statewide	HOUSE POSITION: Deleted language pertaining to limitations on authorized expenses for the project; the language had required LCCMR approval for "direct and necessary" expenses to be allowed in the budget.
07c [HOUSE]	Building Deconstruction to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Solid Waste	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Better Futures Minnesota	Central, Metro, NE, NW	HOUSE POSITION: Added language stating "The project report must quantify and document greenhouse gas emissions reductions resulting from specific deconstruction techniques and materials reuse."
19 [HOUSE]	House added new Subdivision 19 to Section 2 to require that land acquired or restored with ENRTF funds must not be planted or otherwise treated with a product that contains a pollinator lethal insecticide.							Language not included.
Sec. 7 [HOUSE]	House added new Section 7 altering 116P.09 to change the LCCMR administrative and hiring authority by moving it away from the LCCMR and placing it under the purview of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.							SENATE POSITION: No change to 116P.09
Sec. 10 [HOUSE]	House added new Section 10 altering 116P to require that land acquired or restored with ENRTF funds must not be planted or otherwise treated with a product that contains a pollinator lethal insecticide.							Language not included.