

April 4, 2016

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

We write to ask for your support for the recommendations of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The LCCMR package allocating funds from Minnesota's Environmental Trust Fund was unanimously adopted by the Commission on December 2, 2015.

The LCCMR reviewed 186 proposals for the coming fiscal year. After an extensive, competitive process, the Commission approved 89 statewide projects that were thoroughly vetted and selected to fit the outdoor recreation, clean water, habitat, energy, and research needs of the state. Individually, and in the aggregate, the recommended projects represent needed progress in restoring, protecting and enhancing Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

The Commission, as always, strove for transparency and balance. The recommendations were introduced as H.F. 2993 (Hackbarth) and S.F. 2963 (Dziedzic).

**We, the undersigned groups, support H.F. 2993 and S.F. 2963 as originally introduced, without amendments.** We ask for your support in passing these bills.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Sustainability  
Austin Coalition for Environmental Sustainability  
Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy  
Conservation Minnesota  
Great River Greening  
Izaak Walton League of America - Minnesota Division  
Mankato Area Environmentalists  
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Minnesota Conservation Federation  
Minnesota Land Trust  
Minnesota Ornithologists' Union  
Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota  
Save Our Sky Blue Waters  
St. Croix River Association  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Trust for Public Land