

## V. Recommendations

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*“to the extent known by the commission, descriptions of the projects anticipated to be supported by the trust fund during the next biennium;”*

There is \$25,622,000 available for expenditure in each year of the FY10-11 biennium from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (Trust Fund). The LCCMR is to make annual funding recommendations to the Legislature from the Trust Fund.

In addition to recommendations from the Trust Fund, \$400,000 is recommended from Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds (LAWCON) M.S. 116P.14 and \$66,000 is recommended from the Great Lakes Protection Account (GLPA) M.S. 116Q.02 in FY2010.

For FY2010 recommendations were made using a two step process. The first step was completed on December 10, 2008 when a list of projects and recommended funding levels were adopted by the LCCMR with a 13-2 vote. The second step is the approval of the legislative bill for funding recommendations. The LCCMR approved the legislative bill with an 11-2 vote, representing a super majority of seated commission members. However, it was not adopted with the statutorily required 12 votes (MS 116P.05 Subd. 2 states “Approval of the recommended legislative bill requires an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission”). At the time of the January 16, 2009 meeting, the Commission had only 14 members. There were three vacancies: two House of Representative members from the minority party and one non-legislative Governor appointee.

The LCCMR will be making funding recommendations to the Legislature for the FY2011 expenditure in January 2010.