Renew the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, again!

Funding environmental projects is on the ballot this year. Forty percent (40%) of the net proceeds from the Minnesota Lottery goes to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENTRF) to pay for various projects around the state and **renewal of this support is on the ballot**. This funding arrangement began in 1988, and over the past 35 years you have voted three times to support it.

Specifically, this Yes/No question on the ballot

- extends the dedication of this revenue through 2050,
- increases from 5.5% to 7.0% the amount of money that can be spent out of the Fund each year, and,
- creates a grant program to address environmental issues in affected communities, environmental education, and natural resource conservation.

A "No" vote would end support for this important Trust Fund.

Recommendations for specific allocations of Trust Fund monies are made each biennium by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The LCCMR receives proposals from individuals and organizations from around the state and develops a recommendation list to be approved by the Legislature and the Governor. Projects include efforts to measure and improve water resources, improve environmental education, address aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, support fisheries, address climate change and renewable energy, and improve habitat and recreational resources.

A "No" vote will abruptly end all these efforts.



