

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 5.411, 5.412, and 6z-32 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.411)

7 Sec. 5.411. The Partners for Conservation ~~2000~~ Fund.

8 (Source: P.A. 89-49, eff. 6-29-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)

9 (30 ILCS 105/5.412)

10 Sec. 5.412. The Partners for Conservation ~~2000~~ Projects
11 Fund.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-49, eff. 6-29-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)

13 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

14 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation
15 ~~Conservation 2000~~.

16 (a) The Partners for Conservation ~~2000~~ Fund (formerly known
17 as the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for
18 Conservation ~~2000~~ Projects Fund (formerly known as the
19 Conservation 2000 Projects Fund) are created as special funds
20 in the State Treasury. These funds shall be used to establish a
21 comprehensive program to protect Illinois' natural resources

1 through cooperative partnerships between State government and
2 public and private landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be
3 used, subject to appropriation, by the Department of Natural
4 Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department
5 ~~Departments~~ of Agriculture, ~~Natural Resources~~, and
6 ~~Transportation~~ for purposes relating to natural resource
7 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible
8 agricultural and economic development activities. Without
9 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be
10 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific
11 purposes:

12 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and
13 control soil erosion and sedimentation, including grants
14 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for conservation
15 practice cost-share grants and for personnel, educational,
16 and administrative expenses.

17 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in
18 public and private ownership through conservation
19 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,
20 natural resource restoration and preservation, water
21 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed
22 planning, including technical assistance and grants, and
23 land acquisition provided these mechanisms are all
24 voluntary on the part of the landowner and do not involve
25 the use of eminent domain.

26 (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to

1 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and
 2 ecological conditions through investments in technology
 3 and involvement of scientific experts.

4 (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and
 5 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,
 6 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

7 (5) To partner with private landowners and with units
 8 of State, federal, and local government and with
 9 not-for-profit organizations in order to integrate State
 10 and federal programs with Illinois' natural resource
 11 protection and restoration efforts and to meet
 12 requirements to obtain federal and other funds for
 13 conservation or protection of natural resources. ~~To~~
 14 ~~conduct an extensive review of existing Illinois water~~
 15 ~~laws.~~

16 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall
 17 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning
 18 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2021 ~~2009~~, from
 19 the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation ~~2000~~
 20 Fund, an amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in
 21 fiscal year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set
 22 forth below in each of the other specified fiscal years:

23 Fiscal Year	Amount
24 1996	\$ 3,500,000
25 1997	\$ 9,000,000
26 1998	\$10,000,000

1	1999	\$11,000,000
2	2000	\$12,500,000
3	2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
4	2005	\$7,000,000
5	2006	\$11,000,000
6	2007	\$0
7	2008 through <u>2021</u> 2009	\$14,000,000

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
9 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be
10 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on
11 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon
12 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall
13 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from
14 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the
15 Conservation 2000 Fund.

16 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for
17 Conservation ~~2000~~ Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other
18 moneys as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-839, eff. 7-30-04; 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839,
20 eff. 6-6-06.)