



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
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**New Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Assistant Director**

Joe Pavelko has recently been hired as the Assistant Director to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC). Pavelko comes to the Council with a wealth of experience in natural resource conservation and government grants from within the non-profit and public sectors. In addition, Pavelko has had considerable experience managing programs funded by the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). Executive Director Mark Johnson stated, "Joe brings a unique perspective to the LSOHC that I believe will be a great benefit to the Council, staff, and project managers. We are excited to have him as part of our team." Pavelko commented, "I'm extremely fortunate to be joining such a great organization and to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on Minnesota's natural resources and outdoor heritage."

The LSOHC, composed of eight appointed citizens and four appointed legislators, makes recommendations from the OHF to the Legislature. The OHF was established as a result of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment, passed by Minnesota voters in November of 2008. The amendment established a dedicated sales tax increase of 3/8<sup>th</sup> of one-percent to be deposited in four dedicated funds. One-third of the dollars raised are deposited in the Outdoor Heritage Fund for expenditure to protect, restore, and enhance habitat in Minnesota.

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