

**FY 2025-26 NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET**

H.B. 4706 (P.A. 22 of 2025): INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Article 13



FULL-TIME EQUATED (FTE) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/FUNDING SOURCE	FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE*	FY 2025-26 INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGES FROM FY 2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE	
			AMOUNT	PERCENT
FTE Positions .....	2,539.3	2,509.2	(30.1)	(1.2)
<b>GROSS .....</b>	<b>574,610,500</b>	<b>543,194,300</b>	<b>(31,416,200)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>
Less:				
Interdepartmental Grants Received .....	207,000	208,100	1,100	0.5
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS .....</b>	<b>574,403,500</b>	<b>542,986,200</b>	<b>(31,417,300)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>
Less:				
Federal Funds .....	100,058,200	100,214,800	156,600	0.2
Local and Private.....	7,609,200	7,609,200	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL STATE SPENDING.....</b>	<b>466,736,100</b>	<b>435,162,200</b>	<b>(31,573,900)</b>	<b>(6.8)</b>
Less:				
Other State Restricted Funds.....	375,365,900	362,152,800	(13,213,100)	(3.5)
<b>GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE .....</b>	<b>91,370,200</b>	<b>73,009,400</b>	<b>(18,360,800)</b>	<b>(20.1)</b>
<b>PAYMENTS TO LOCALS .....</b>	<b>14,253,000</b>	<b>10,596,800</b>	<b>(3,656,200)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>

\*As of October 7, 2025.

**Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date:**

- 1. Standard Boilerplate.** The Conference included changes to numerous sections, consistent with changes made throughout the other State department budgets.
- 2. Deleted –** The Conference deleted the following sections from current-year boilerplate: 229 (Energy and Noise Efficiency), 1201-1206 (FY25 One-Time Removal).
- 3. Modified –** The Conference modified the following section: 251 (Invasive Species Grants)
- 4. NEW Sections –** The Conference included **NEW** boilerplate in the following sections: 233 (No Utility-Scale Solar/Wind Projects), 253 (Prohibition on Legal Services for Feral Swine), 254 (Enforcement Actions on Feeding Birds), 256 (\$30M Contingency Funds for Hunting/Fishing License Fees), (501 (Little Manistee River Designation Prohibition), 701 (Recreation Passport Opt-In), 1201 (Ice Storm Wildfire Protection Work Project), 1202 (Reforestation Work Project)

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FY 2024-25 Year-to-Date Appropriation .....	\$574,610,500	\$91,370,200		
	CHANGE FROM FY 2024-25 Y-T-D		FY 2025-26 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	
	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<b><u>Baseline Adjustments</u></b>				
<b>1. Capital Outlay – Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Development and Maintenance.</b> The Conference included \$4.0 million State Restricted authorization for ORV trail development and maintenance and local grants.	3,965,900	0	N/A	N/A
<b>2. Capital Outlay – State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure.</b> The Conference included \$1.5 million Gross funding for special maintenance improvements in state game areas to protect and restore wildlife.	1,500,000	0	3,300,000	0
<b>3. High-Speed Internet Infrastructure Easements.</b> The Conference included \$1.4 million ongoing Federal spending authorization to acquire easements for the installation of high-speed internet infrastructure.	1,417,500	0	N/A	N/A
<b>4. Capital Outlay – State Parks Repair and Maintenance.</b> The Conference included \$1.2 million ongoing State Restricted authorization to align estimates of Recreation Passport revenues with infrastructure expenditures.	1,150,000	0	30,267,900	1,500,000
<b>5. CSB Technical.</b> The Conference included a \$763,600 Gross funding increase for CSB technical adjustments.	763,600	0	N/A	N/A
<b>6. Capital Outlay – Local Boating Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Improvement.</b> The Conference included a negative \$100,000 State Restricted authorization adjustment for updated revenue estimates.	(100,000)	0	4,450,000	0
<b>7. Capital Outlay – State Boating Infrastructure Maintenance.</b> The Conference included a \$232,600 Gross authorization decrease for updated Federal and State revenue estimates.	(232,600)	0	10,517,400	0
<b>8. Capital Outlay – Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition.</b> The Conference included a negative \$1.0 million State Restricted authorization alignment to account for updated revenue estimates.	(1,000,000)	0	2,230,000	2,000,000
<b>9. Economic Adjustments.</b> Includes <u>\$4,902,000</u> Gross and <u>\$840,600</u> GF/GP for total economic adjustments.	4,902,000	840,600	N/A	N/A

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<b><u>New Programs/Program Increases</u></b>				
<b>10. Federal Shooting Range Operations and Maintenance.</b> The Conference included \$481,300 Federal spending authorization to support 7.5 FTEs in the Marketing and Outreach line item in projects relating to shooting range operations and maintenance.	481,300	0	N/A	N/A
<b>11. Employee Recruitment and Retention.</b> The Conference included \$355,000 State Restricted authorization to support 3.4 FTEs within the Parks and Recreation Division with a focus on recruiting and retaining DNR employees.	355,000	0	N/A	N/A
<b><u>Eliminations/Reductions</u></b>				
<b>12. Nature Awaits.</b> The Conference eliminated ongoing GF/GP support and 13.8 FTEs for this program, which provides funds to schools for to send 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students to State Parks. Funding and FTEs were moved to a one-time appropriation.	(4,045,300)	(4,045,300)	0	0
<b>13. Invasive Species Prevention and Control.</b> The Conference reduced support for this program, which provides grants to nonprofits and direct support of the mitigation of invasive species by \$1.2 million.	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	5,943,800	5,943,800
<b>14. Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition.</b> The Conference reduced support for this initiative.	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>15. Michigan Conservation Corps.</b> The Conference reduced GF/GP support for this program, which supports the employment of youth in outdoors and conservation-related jobs in three areas of the State.	(435,000)	(435,000)	500,100	500,100
<b>16. Mackinac Island State Park Commission.</b> The Conference reduced GF/GP support for the Commission, which directs the operation and maintenance of the Park and certain historical structures on the Island.	(421,700)	(421,700)	1,859,300	5,800
<b>17. Marketing and Outreach.</b> The Conference reduced GF/GP support division.	(200,000)	(200,000)	17,673,400	908,800
<b>18. Wildlife Management.</b> The Conference reduced GF/GP support for this program.	(200,000)	(200,000)	47,995,900	4,484,100
<b>19. State Parks.</b> The Conference reduced GF/GP support for State parks.	(200,000)	(200,000)	103,410,300	2,572,400

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	Gross	GF/GP	Gross	GF/GP
<b>20. Law Enforcement.</b> The Conference reduced support for this line, which provides funding for enforcement activities by conservation officers.	(98,000)	(98,000)	55,577,700	19,043,700
<b>21. FTE Reduction.</b> The Conference removed 41.0 unfunded, unfilled FTEs as follows: (20.0) Wildlife Management; (19.0) Fisheries Division; (2.0) Minerals Management.	0	0	N/A	N/A
<b><u>One-Time Appropriations</u></b>				
<b>22. Fish Production – One-Time.</b>	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
<b>23. Reforestation.</b> Provides funds to replant trees on State lands that were affected by ice storms this past spring.	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
<b>24. Nature Awaits – One-Time.</b> Includes 13.8 FTEs transferred from ongoing line.	2,011,800	2,011,800	2,011,800	2,011,800
<b>25. Ice Storm Wildfire Protection.</b>	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>26. Elberta Waterfront Community Conservation Project.</b>	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
<b>27. Capital Outlay - Dam Safety, Management, and Removal</b>	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000
<b>28. Removal of FY 2024-25 One-Time and Supplemental Appropriations.</b>	(49,030,700)	(23,613,200)	0	0
<b><u>Other - NONE</u></b>				
Total Changes.....	(\$31,416,200)	(\$18,360,800)		
<b>FY 2025-26 INITIAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$543,194,300</b>	<b>\$73,009,400</b>		

Date Completed: 10-29-25

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Item #	Budget Area/Line Items	Gov Changes to FY 2024-25			House Changes to FY 2024-25			Senate Changes to FY 2024-25			Conference Changes to FY 2024-25		
		FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP	FTE	GROSS	GF/GP
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>													
<b>Ongoing Changes</b>													
1	Recreation passport base expansion and fee reduction								43,520,500	0		0	
2	Natural resources investments and fee increases	79.3	28,953,300	0					0	0		0	
3	Hunting and fishing license fee proposal and investment							19.0	28,827,000	0		0	
4	Recreation passport opt-out and resident veteran exemption		17,190,300	0					0	0		0	
5	Boating fee proposal								11,960,000	0		0	
6	Capital Outlay - Off-road vehicle trail development and maintenance		3,965,900	0					3,965,900	0		3,965,900	
7	Forest recreation and trails increase				(9.0)	1,878,900	1,878,900						
8	Capital Outlay - State game and wildlife area infrastructure		1,500,000	0					1,500,000	0		1,500,000	
9	High-speed internet infrastructure easements		1,417,500	0					1,417,500	0		1,417,500	
10	Capital Outlay - State parks repair and maintenance		1,150,000	0					1,150,000	0		1,150,000	
11	CSB technical		763,600	0					763,600	0		763,600	
12	Federal shooting range operations and maintenance	7.5	481,300	0	0.0	0	0	7.5	481,300	0	7.5	481,300	
13	Employee recruitment and retention	3.0	355,000	0	0.0	0	0	3.4	355,000	0	3.4	355,000	
14	Pheasant release program								25,000	0		0	
15	Capital Outlay - Local boating infrastructure maintenance and improvements		(100,000)	0					(100,000)	0		(100,000)	
16	Wetland restoration, enhancement, and acquisition reduction					(200,000)	(200,000)					(1,000,000)	
17	Capital Outlay - State boating infrastructure maintenance		(232,600)	0					(232,600)	0		(232,600)	
18	Capital Outlay - Wetland restoration, enhancement, and acquisition		(1,000,000)	0					(1,000,000)	0		(1,000,000)	
19	Federal - urban forestry grant elimination					(900,000)	0						
20	Michigan conservation corps											(435,000)	
21	Marketing and outreach											(200,000)	
22	Minerals management										(2.0)		
23	Mackinac Island State Park commission reduction				(6.0)	(900,000)	(421,700)					(421,700)	
24	Information technology services and projects reduction					(1,615,400)	(1,272,100)						
25	Forest resources division reduction				(30.0)	(1,650,000)	(1,288,400)						
26	Invasive species prevention and control reduction				(6.0)	(2,300,000)	(2,300,000)					(1,200,000)	
27	Nature awaits bus grants		(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)		0	0		(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)		0	
28	Nature awaits program cut				(13.8)	(4,045,300)	(4,045,300)				(13.8)	(4,045,300)	
29	Departmental administration and support reduction				(45.0)	(3,982,600)	(1,431,700)						
30	Wildlife division reduction				(49.0)	(4,213,400)	(4,063,400)				(20.0)	(200,000)	
31	Fisheries division reduction				(56.5)	(5,314,900)	(1,214,900)				(19.0)	0	
32	Communication and customer services reduction				(40.5)	(5,860,000)	(3,160,000)						
33	General law enforcement reduction				(63.0)	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)					(98,000)	
34	Parks and recreation division reduction				(114.0)	(8,035,000)	(3,668,200)					(200,000)	
35	Unclassified salaries		29,200	0					29,200	0		29,200	
36	Economic adjustments		4,884,600	852,400		(150,000)	0		4,884,600	852,400		4,872,800	
	<b>Subtotal - Ongoing</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>57,558,100</b>	<b>(947,600)</b>	<b>(433.8)</b>	<b>(44,287,700)</b>	<b>(28,186,800)</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>95,747,000</b>	<b>(947,600)</b>	<b>(43.9)</b>	<b>5,402,700</b>	
<b>One-Time Changes</b>													
1	Capital Outlay - Dam safety, management, and removal		15,000,000	15,000,000		0	0		15,000,000	15,000,000		1,450,000	
2	Enterprise asset management system		6,391,800	6,391,800		0	0						
3	Extreme weather forestry restoration activities					0	0		100	100		2,200,000	
4	Elberta Waterfront Community Conservation Project					0	0		100	100		1,750,000	
5	Nature awaits										13.8	2,011,800	
6	Ice storm wildfire protection											2,000,000	
7	Fish production											2,800,000	
10	Remove FY25 one-time and supplemental appropriations		(9,000,000)	(9,000,000)		(9,000,000)	(9,000,000)		(9,000,000)	(9,000,000)		(9,000,000)	
	<b>Subtotal - One-Time</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,391,800</b>	<b>12,391,800</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(9,000,000)</b>	<b>(9,000,000)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,000,200</b>	<b>6,000,200</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>3,211,800</b>	
	<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>69,949,900</b>	<b>11,444,200</b>	<b>(433.8)</b>	<b>(53,287,700)</b>	<b>(37,186,800)</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>101,747,200</b>	<b>5,052,600</b>	<b>(30.1)</b>	<b>8,614,500</b>	