



### APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM AND BOILERPLATE HISTORY

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**Sec. 101. APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

1.	<u>Unclassified full-time equated (FTE) positions</u> - Positions that are exempted from the classified State civil service pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. These positions include elected officials, heads of principal departments, a limited number of policy-making positions in departments, members of boards and commissions, employees of State institutions of higher education, employees of the Judiciary, and employees of the Legislature.	6.0
2.	<u>Classified FTE positions</u> - All positions in State service unless exempted by Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. One FTE position equals 2,080 hours.	2,509.3
3.	<b><u>GROSS APPROPRIATION</u></b> - Total appropriations	<b>543,194,300</b>
4.	<u>Interdepartmental grants (IDG)</u> - Funds that are also appropriated in other budgets. These funds are categorized as IDGs in the Department that spends the funds and are therefore subtracted from the Gross Appropriation to avoid double counting total statewide appropriations.	\$208,100
5.	<b><u>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</u></b> - Gross appropriations less IDGs.	\$542,986,200
6.	<u>Federal revenue</u> - Funding allocated to the State by the Federal government.	\$100,214,800
7.	<u>Local revenue</u> - Funds paid by local units of government that support State services and programs.	\$0
8.	<u>Private revenue</u> - Available appropriated funds from private sources, including funding from nongovernmental agencies.	\$7,609,200
9.	<u>State restricted revenue</u> - Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose by the State Constitution, statute, or appropriation bill. Restricted revenue also includes general fund/special purpose funds, such as fee revenue used to support licensing programs.	\$362,152,800
10.	<u>State general fund/general purpose</u> - Revenue that has no constitutional or statutory restrictions on how it is used. Approximately 90.0% of the general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) revenue is derived from the income, single business, insurance, sales, and use taxes.	\$73,009,400
11.	<u>Payments to locals</u> - State appropriations from GF/GP or State restricted revenue that will be allocated to local units of government.	\$10,596,800

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**Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

1. Unclassified salaries \$993,600

Unclassified FTE positions 6.0

Article XI, Section 5 of the State Constitution allows the Civil Service Commission to exempt up to five positions, in addition to the Department director, from the classified State Civil Service. Four of the exempted positions are to be of a policy-making nature. This appropriation covers only the salaries of the Director and the five unclassified positions allowed by the Constitution, other employment costs such as employer-provided insurance and retirement benefits are charged to the Executive Direction line.

2. Accounting service center \$1,729,700

Created in FY 2010-11, this line-item was created to reflect a consolidation in accounting services among several State departments. The staff associated with DNR's accounting were moved to the Accounting Service Center; DNR now simply pays for these services out of this line-item.

3. Executive direction \$2,409,400

Classified FTE positions 11.6

This appropriation supports the Department's Executive staff. The Commission Assistant position, clerical and administrative support for the Executive staff, and insurance, retirement, and other benefit costs associated with the unclassified positions also are supported through this appropriation. Additionally, for FY 2010-11, appropriations for citizens' advisory councils were added to this line. Five such councils exist and serve to receive public input on the Department's activities on a broad geographical basis.

4. Finance and operations \$19,646,800

Classified FTE positions 112.5

a. Financial and business services include accounting services, such as fund accounting; budget development and control; revenue control; Federal grants management; business services including purchasing functions, mail services, records retention, and space management, Freedom of Information Act coordination, and the internal audit function.

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- b. Field operations support provides administrative support to the approximately 40.0% of Department staff that are employed in 14 district and field offices located throughout the State. This includes the provision of office equipment and supplies, receptionist and clerical services, general office management, and budget, accounting, and data management support. In FY 2010-11, additional funding and FTEs were transferred to this line from the old Office of Land and Facilities (OLAF).
  
- c. The Office of Personnel Services is responsible for all of the personnel related functions of the Department including approving and processing payroll and benefits selection; coordinating hiring practices, including recruitment, selection, and classification processes; administering the disability management program, workers' compensation, leaves of absence, the Family and Medical Leave Act, retirement, and unemployment programs; labor relations; administering health and wellness programs, safety education and compliance, training, and professional development programs; and administering the civil service personal services contracting process.
  
- d. Budget and support services were moved to this new unit in FY 2010-11. This unit supports budget development and control for the Department; coordination of the budget and financial information with the Michigan Legislature, the State Budget Office, and the general public; and monitoring of program implementation and spending.
  
- e. Real estate services were transferred to this line from OLAF. The Real estate services section coordinates the acquisition and disposition of land or rights in land through purchase, gift, exchange, and/or easement.
  
- f. In FY 2023-24, this line received 5.0 new FTEs for increased Finance and Operations Capacity. Additionally, FY 2023-24 included \$100,000 federal funding for Capital Outlay – Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. In FY 2024-25, this line received 1.0 new FTE to aid in ensuring compliance and stewardship of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In FY 2025-26, 2.0 FTEs were transferred into Finance and Operations (1.0 from Marketing and Outreach, and 1.0 from Minerals Management).

5. Gifts and pass-through transactions

\$5,003,600

The Department regularly is the recipient of various private donations, gifts, and bequests. This appropriation allows the Department to receive and spend up to \$5,000,000 of monetary gifts or bequests.

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6. Legal services

\$720,000

Classified FTE positions

4.0

This line includes administration of Freedom of Information Act requests, the position of Legal Coordinator, and support for administrative hearings, and a departmental liaison with the Attorney General.

7. Minerals Management

\$2,962,900

Classified FTE positions

17.0

The Department enters into leases for the development of State-owned mineral, oil, and gas resources. This appropriation supports the staff and activities associated with the leasing process, including offering competitive leasing of mineral acreage that is nominated by either private parties or Department staff; assisting industry in conducting business on State-owned leases and in complying with mineral development rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; managing and monitoring active oil and gas, and mineral leases; accounting for revenue payments from leases to ensure that the State is appropriately compensated, including contracting for audits of oil and gas lease payments; processing all requests for sale of mineral and allied rights, archaeological exploration permits, and other requests involving State-owned mineral rights; providing geological and mineral assessments for State land transactions; overseeing abandoned mine safety/ closure activities; managing mineral/surface rights unification efforts; and reviewing use permits since many of the mineral leases are in State forests. In FY 2021- 22, the FTEs and spending authority for the Minerals Management program was transferred from the Forest Resources Division to the Departmental Administration and Support unit to align with the department's organizational structure. In FY 2025-26 1.0 FTE was transferred to Finance and Operations.

8. Natural resources commission

\$77,100

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission is a seven-member public body, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commission is established by Part 5 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as the head of the Department. Among other duties, the Commission sets overnight park camping fees and has the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game. This appropriation funds the Commission members' per diem (\$75), travel, and other Commission expenses.

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9. Office of public lands

\$1,481,800

Classified FTEs

4.0

This appropriation supports new FTEs for an ongoing expansion of the Climate and Carbon Sequestration Program. This program uses the Forest Stewardship Program to assist owners of working forests and small managed forests to access the Chicago Climate Exchange in order to trade carbon credits.

10. Property management

\$3,573,500

This appropriation supports payments to the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) for DNR-occupied space in State-owned buildings. While Constitution Hall, which houses much of the DNR's core staff, is a privately owned building, the lease payments are made from this appropriation. The DTMB charges are based on historical expenses and are assessed on a square foot of occupied space basis. The amounts charged cover the cost of utilities, maintenance, security, janitorial services, and depreciation. Additionally, beginning in FY 2017-18, rent for privately-owned DNR facilities was included in this line.

Unit Gross Appropriation

\$38,598,400

Interdepartmental grants:

    IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders

\$208,100

Federal revenues:

    Federal funds

\$833,600

Special revenue funds:

    Private funds

\$5,003,600

    Deer habitat reserve

\$168,800

    Forest development fund

\$4,736,200

    Forest land user charges

\$8,100

    Forest recreation account

\$55,300

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Game and fish protection account	\$8,540,000
Land exchange facilitation and management fund	\$4,560,500
Local public recreation facilities fund	\$229,200
Marine safety fund	\$901,400
Michigan natural resources trust fund	\$1,696,400
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$4,403,400
Nongame wildlife fund	\$14,100
Off-road vehicle safety education fund	\$700
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$323,900
Public use and replacement deed fees	\$30,600
Recreation improvement account	\$89,200
Snowmobile registration fee revenue	\$51,200
Snowmobile trail improvement fund	\$133,400
Sportsmen against hunger fund	\$500
State park improvement account	\$2,237,200
Turkey permit fees	\$81,200
Waterfowl fees	\$3,400
Waterways account	\$942,800
Wildlife resource protection fund	\$44,800
State general fund/general purpose:	\$3,300,800

**Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

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1. Great Lakes restoration initiative

\$2,904,500

This Federally funded line item is part of an effort to address certain environmental problems the Great Lakes are experiencing. These problems include invasive species, nonpoint source pollution, and toxic sediments. Part of the plan is to engage with State environmental and natural resource agencies. In FY 2018-19 all GLRI funds were consolidated into the DNR. In prior years EGLE was appropriated a significant portion of these funds. This shift was made concurrently with the transfer of the Office of the Great Lakes from EGLE to DNR. In FY 2019- 20, most GLRI funds were transferred back to EGLE with the transfer of the Office of the Great Lakes from DNR to EGLE.

2. Invasive species prevention and control

\$5,943,800

Classified FTE positions

\$21.0

This program was created in FY 2014-15 and provides staff support for the DNR's coordination of a multi-agency effort to develop a coordinated statewide strategy to combat invasive species. This item also provides grants to nonprofit groups for direct actions taken to prevent, detect, eradicate, and control invasive species. Boilerplate requires at least \$3.6 million from this line item to be used for grants.

In FY 2023-24, this line received \$1.95 million ongoing GF/GP funding to support 8.0 new FTEs for the Invasive Species and Habitat Strike Team. This was paired with a one-time appropriation for new equipment for the Strike Team. In FY 2025-26 \$1.2 million GF/GP was eliminated from this program.

Unit Gross Appropriation

\$8,848,300

Federal revenues:

Federal funds

\$2,904,500

State general fund/general purpose:

\$5,943,800

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**Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

1. Cultural resource management \$1,022,600

Classified FTE positions 5.5

This line was first included in the FY 2023-24 budget with 2.0 FTEs to establish and maintain the cultural resource management program within the Department. This program was added to increase the department's capacity to address existing archeological responsibilities within the Michigan History Museum, establish an ongoing process that includes consultation with known lineal descendants and Indian tribe officials on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological activity will occur, or where an inadvertent discovery has been made in addressing the identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American Cultural items.

In FY 2024-25, the budget included authorization for 3.5 additional FTEs to accommodate the Department's staffing needs within the program. There was no additional funding associated with these FTEs.

2. Marketing and outreach \$17,673,400

Classified FTE positions 95.3

This office is responsible for the development and production of Department guides, brochures, and other printed products, as well as audio/visual formats and products used at parks, visitors' centers, and hatcheries; State Park and fish hatchery interpretation programs; natural resources educational curricula development, evaluation, and dissemination, including the Department's L.A.P. project ("Learn from the past, Appreciate the present, and Preserve our outdoor heritage", commonly known as the Buck Wilder program) curriculum; maintenance of a photo and video archive; management of the "Becoming An Outdoors Woman Program" and the Outdoor Explorers Club; and coordination of the programming at the Pocket Park at the State Fairgrounds and at other events around the State. In FY 2009-10, several programs from the Law Enforcement division were transferred to the Office. These programs include: Snowmobile/ORV/hunter safety education, Shooting ranges, and the Archery-in-the-schools program. The Sportsmen Against Hunger program is coordinated by this Division.

Funding and FTEs for the DNR's retail sales system, which coordinates the sale of all of the hunting and fishing licenses in the State was moved to this line from OLAF.

Transferred to the former DNR from the former Department of History, Arts, and Libraries by Executive Order 2009-36, this program funds the over 300,000 artifacts at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing, and eight field museums. These eight field museums/sites are:

1. The Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee
2. The Father Marquette Museum in St. Ignace
3. The Fayette Historic Townsite in Garden
4. The Hartwick Pines Logging Museum in Grayling

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- 5. The Civilian Conservation Corps Museum in Grayling
- 6. The Sanilac Petroglyph in Bad Axe
- 7. The Mann House in Concord
- 8. The Walker Tavern in Cambridge Junction/Brooklyn

In FY 2014-15, \$450,000 of GF/GP related to the Nonmotorized Trail Initiative was added to this line. These funds are used for signage and interpretive programs on nonmotorized trails.

Additionally, in FY 2016-17, the State Archives, Museum Stores Operations, and Mann House appropriations were transferred to this line. The programs total about \$1.4 million.

In FY 2023-24, 7.0 new FTEs were included to manage the Broadening Access to the Outdoors program which provides support for increased outreach and engagement to disadvantaged communities and historically underrepresented populations in the state parks and cultural museum systems. 1.0 FTE transfer was included to align funding Shooting Range Specialist Program as well.

3. Michigan historical center \$6,838,300

Classified FTE positions 42.0

This appropriation funds the Michigan History Center that was created to house the Archives of Michigan, the Michigan History Museum and 11 museums and historic sites. This program was created by Public Act 470 of 2016 to separate it from the Michigan Historical Commission.

The FY 2024-25 budget included the transfer of the Archives of Michigan out of the DNR and into the DTMB in accordance with Executive Order 2023-6. This transfer included 14.5 FTEs and \$1.9 million GF/GP.

4. Michigan wildlife council \$1,400,000

The Michigan Wildlife Council was created by Public Acts 108 and 246 of 2013, and receives support from the \$1.00 surcharge paid on the purchase base hunting licenses, combination hunt and fish licenses, and all-species fishing licenses that is credited to the Wildlife Management Public Education account of the Game and Fish Protection Fund.

This line was created in the FY 2023-24 budget by rolling up the following items that had previously been unrolled in FY 2019-20:

- a) Michigan wildlife council campaign management: The Michigan wildlife council campaign management line item supports the MWC mandate to develop and implement a comprehensive media-based public information campaign. The MWC is required to provide a semiannual report to the legislature on program expenditures.

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- b) Michigan wildlife council media: The Michigan wildlife council media line item supports the MWC mandate to develop and implement a comprehensive media-based public information campaign in conjunction with a third-party marketing or advertising agency to promote the essential role sportsmen and sportswomen play in wildlife conservation. The MWC is required to provide a semiannual report to the legislature on program expenditures.
  
- c) Michigan Wildlife council messaging and implementation: The Michigan wildlife council messaging and implementation line item supports the MWC mandate to educate the general public about hunting, fishing, and the taking of game. That education shall include, but is not limited to, teaching that hunting, fishing, and the taking of game are necessary for conservation, preservation, and management of this state's natural resources, important to the state's economy, and a valued and integral part of the cultural heritage of this state. The MWC is required to provide a semiannual report to the legislature on program expenditures.
  
- d) Michigan wildlife council research: The Michigan wildlife council research line item supports research activities undertaken by the MWC.

Unit Gross Appropriation	\$26,934,300
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$3,369,200
State park improvement, federal	\$322,200
Special revenue funds:	
Forest development fund	\$176,100
Forest recreation account	\$18,800
Game and fish protection account	\$9,202,800
Land exchange facilitation and management fund	\$52,200
Marine safety fund	\$40,400
Michigan historical center operations fund	\$1,219,800
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$121,800
Nongame wildlife fund	\$12,200

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Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$120,200
Recreation passport fees	\$667,300
Snowmobile registration fee revenue	\$21,500
Snowmobile trail improvement fund	\$106,700
Sportsmen against hunger fund	\$250,000
State park improvement account	\$4,362,500
Waterways account	\$166,400
Wildlife management public education fund	\$1,400,000
Youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund	\$45,200
State general fund/general purpose:	\$5,259,200

**Sec. 105. WILDLIFE DIVISION**

1. <u>Natural resources heritage</u>	\$661,800
Classified FTE positions	9.0

Many of the same activities identified in the wildlife management appropriation description are supported also by the natural resources heritage appropriation with an emphasis on nongame, threatened, or endangered species. The purpose of this funding is to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural features, and ecosystems. In addition, the Natural Features Inventory is funded through this line. Interest earned from the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund provides most of the State funds appropriated in this line.

2. <u>Wildlife management</u>	\$47,995,900
Classified FTE positions	201.5

This appropriation supports the Wildlife Division's administration and a majority of its field personnel. Administrative functions include basic administrative services to the Wildlife Division, including assisting in the development and implementation of the annual budget; coordinating Wildlife Division activities and functions with other entities; data management; developing and providing public education and information programs and publications; and preparing and distributing the annual hunting guides.

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Field and wildlife management activities funded by this appropriation include establishment of hunting and trapping regulations; endangered species and captive wildlife permitting; species management and wildlife health monitoring, including bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease surveillance and control; land use planning and habitat management; management of State game and wildlife areas; participation in State forest inventory activities; staffing field offices; preparation and distribution of a catalogue of leased lands accessible to hunters; and addressing nuisance and invasive species. For the most part, the amounts set aside from the sale of certain hunting licenses for deer habitat improvement, turkey habitat, and waterfowl habitat are appropriated in this line item.

Unit Gross Appropriation	\$48,657,700
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$26,642,700
Special revenue funds:	
Private funds	\$315,700
Cervidae licensing and inspection fees	\$85,100
Deer habitat reserve	\$1,824,600
Forest development fund	\$280,800
Game and fish protection account	\$13,152,500
Nongame wildlife fund	\$483,300
Pheasant hunting license fees	\$175,000
Turkey permit fees	\$1,099,800
Waterfowl fees	\$114,100
State general fund/general purpose:	\$4,484,100

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**Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

1. Aquatic resource mitigation \$737,200

Classified FTE positions 2.0

Revenue from court settlements, judgments, and natural resources damages awards credited to the Game and Fish Protection Fund is used for fish habitat improvement projects.

2. Fish production \$11,173,300

Classified FTE positions 59.0

The staff in the fish production program is responsible for operating the State's six fish hatcheries. The fish production staff produces and transports fish for Great Lakes and inland fisheries; monitor the health and quality of all stock in State hatcheries and egg take facilities; and assess and modify fish stocking targets, methods, hatchery production and transportation to meet goals and improve hatchery survival and performance.

This unit is also responsible for monitoring commercial and Native American tribe fishing operations, including assuring that State-licensed fishing operations do not exceed harvest limits; managing the transfer and sale of sanctioned fishing operations; assisting tribes in the conversion from gill nets to other methods; regulating the harvest in order to protect bait fish populations; and administering general aspects of tribal fishing rights consent decrees.

3. Fisheries resource management \$24,084,200

Classified FTE positions 147.5

Fisheries resource management staff is responsible for the protection and maintenance of all the State's fisheries. This responsibility involves the monitoring of fish stocks and recreational and commercial fish harvests; evaluation of fish stocking programs, fishing regulations, and habitat; implementation of consent decrees concerning tribal fishing rights and treaties; and the development of programs to protect or rehabilitate endangered or threatened species, to monitor fish health and determine causes of fish mortality, and to assess and mitigate pollution or degradation of Great Lakes and inland lakes and streams habitats.

This program also monitors and promotes recreational fishing activities. The Department conducts outreach programs to recruit and educate future anglers; develops and distributes information on the State's fisheries, including fish stocking data; and conducts a statewide fishing market analysis through a university contract.

Administrative activities for this division also are supported in this line item. Activities include overall management and business functions of the Fisheries Division and coordinating Division policies and programs with other entities.

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Unit Gross Appropriation	\$35,994,700
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$12,315,800
Special revenue funds:	
Private funds	\$136,700
Fisheries settlement	\$737,100
Game and fish protection fund	\$21,576,600
Invasive species fund	\$100
State general fund/general purpose:	\$1,228,400

**Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

1. <u>Body cameras for conservation officers</u>	\$860,700
Classified FTE positions	5.0

Initially included in the FY 2022-23 budget, this appropriation was included to develop a program and system for processing and handling officer body camera footage. FY 2023-24, this existing appropriation was allotted 5.0 FTEs to provide staff capacity for the conservation officer body camera program to handle FOIA requests and data management.

2. <u>General law enforcement</u>	\$55,577,700
Classified FTE positions	293.0

The enforcement of the State's natural resources and environmental protection laws is provided primarily by the conservation officers (CO) employed in the Department's Law Enforcement Division. In addition to the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws, the COs supported by this appropriation also provide protection of persons recreating in State parks, campgrounds, and forests; protect threatened and endangered species; manage and maintain the Department's staffed shooting ranges; and oversee and assist in the recruitment and training of new conservation officers. A portion of CO training is at the State Police training facility and COs have full law enforcement authority similar to State Police troopers. In some rural areas of the State,

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COs are the first responders to emergency situations. In FY 2009-10, several education programs were transferred from this line item to the Communications line. These education programs, as of FY 2010-11, are now housed in the Marketing, Education, and Technology line.

This appropriation also supports the investigation and prosecution of organized commercial and noncommercial poaching of fish and game; the development and dissemination of educational programs and materials concerning the negative impacts of poaching on fish and game resources; the encouragement of reporting of poaching activities; and monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons violating fish and game laws. Violations reported through the hotline RAP (Report All Poaching) are investigated with resources from this line item.

Beginning in FY 2013-14, additional funding and FTEs were provided to this line to increase the overall number of COs employed by the department. For purposes of comparison, the number of FTEs available in this line has been increased from 215.0 in FY 2012-13 to 276.0 in FY 2014-15. Additional appropriations for these positions was made available in the FY 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets from the following sources:

- a) \$6.4 million GF/GP for additional COs to serve statewide.
- b) \$1.4 million GF/GP for additional COs to serve at Belle Isle Park.
- c) \$3.7 million in restricted funds made available by recent increases in hunting, fishing, and ORV license fees. These COs will serve statewide.

The FY 2023-24 budget included increased funding for two purposes:

- a) \$3.5 million GF/GP to align conservation officer pay with pay for other law enforcement groups.
- b) \$840,400 gross, including \$790,000 GF/GP, to account for increased Vehicle and Travel Services costs, which include increased fuel and lease costs associated with the fleet vehicles.

The FY 2024-25 budget included new ongoing investments for the following purposes:

- a) \$700,000 GF/GP to cover the costs associated with the Law Enforcement Division's Officer Safety and Records Management System.
- b) \$400,000 GF/GP for an ongoing effort to invest in new radio and modem technology as existing tech reaches the end of its lifecycle, and have a recurring source of funding to replace this equipment over time.

Unit Gross Appropriation	\$56,438,400
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$7,065,800
Special revenue funds:	

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Cervidae licensing and inspection fees	\$53,400
Forest development fund	\$45,400
Forest recreation account	\$72,800
Game and fish protection account	\$20,180,300
Marine safety fund	\$3,034,300
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$71,400
Off-road vehicle safety education fund	\$175,400
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$3,837,200
Snowmobile registration fee revenue	\$726,800
State park improvement account	\$72,800
Waterways Account	\$21,700
Wildlife resource protection fund	\$1,176,700
State general fund/general purpose:	\$19,904,400

**Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION**

1. <u>Forest recreation and trails</u>	\$11,513,600
Classified FTE positions	87.0

This appropriation supports the cost of providing and maintaining rustic, low-density campgrounds and facilities in the State forests, as well as a system of pathways and trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, backpacking, and horseback riding in State parks, forests, and recreation areas. The funding also is used to maintain selected boating access sites on State forest land. During FY 2008-09, 12 of these campgrounds were closed as a mid-year measure to save money on maintenance. To date, these campgrounds remain closed.

A linear park system consisting of Kal-Haven, Hart Montague, Lakelands, and White Pines trails is supported by this line, as well as interpretive programs, security patrol, and emergency first aid for nonmotorized trail users; the coordination of trail development with other governmental units; the development of trails within State parks, forests, and recreation areas; and the maintenance of statewide motorized recreational trails and snowmobile trails, routes, and use areas.

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Reflecting the many different types of recreation occurring in State forests, the sources of financing supporting the Recreation and Trail Program include the Forest Recreation Fund, the Forest Development Fund, the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund, the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund, and the Recreation Improvement Fund.

2. MacMullan conference center \$1,267,800

Classified FTE positions 15.0

The Center offers facilities for groups to have conferences and meetings, and has overnight accommodations and catering for on-site events. Funding for the Center comes from interdepartmental grants from other State departments that use the facility, and fees paid by outside groups. Except for events that are held by divisions of the DNR, no DNR restricted funds are used to support the Center.

3. Michigan conservation corps \$500,100

This appropriation supports the MCCC that operates crews in Brighton, Muskegon, and Belle Isle to perform several functions:

- a) Brighton: operates a traveling field crew that focuses on resource management and ecological restoration in Michigan state parks and recreation areas.
- b) Muskegon: assists in the survey and detection of Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) and treatment of HWA populations to protect resources within state parks including Silver Lake, Ludington, Muskegon, P.J. Hoffmaster, Saugatuck Dunes, Petoskey, and Leelanau state parks.
- c) Belle Isle: assists in the care of numerous plant specimens and gardens to maintain Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

4. Nature awaits \$0

Classified FTE positions 0.0

This appropriation was first introduced in the FY 2023-24 budget to fund the creation of the Nature Awaits Program for Michigan 4th graders to have educational experiences in state parks. In FY 2025-26, funding and FTEs for Nature Awaits were moved to one-time appropriations.

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5. Recreational boating

\$24,547,600

Classified FTE positions

182.0

The Recreational Boating program primarily consists of two components: the docks and harbors component, and the boating access sites component. These activities are supported entirely with revenue from the Michigan State Waterways Fund.

Through the docks and harbors component, this appropriation supports the construction and maintenance of harbors of refuge on the Great Lakes, with the intent that such harbors be available at 15-mile intervals near population centers on the Great Lakes; the provision of public docking facilities for exclusive use by transient boaters; the upgrade and repair of existing public recreational mooring facilities; the operation and maintenance of 14 State harbors, either by Department personnel or through private or local government concession leases; and the administration of a program offering grants to local units of government for the development, repair, expansion, and operation of public mooring facilities.

Through the boating access sites component, this appropriation supports the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of properties to provide public boating and recreational access to the waters of the State; the promotion of joint State/local boating access development projects; the upgrade and repair of approximately 1,100 boat launch ramps; the operation of 738 public access sites statewide; and the dredging and extension of ramps to maintain access in critical areas.

6. State parks

\$103,410,300

Classified FTE positions

808.0

In addition to the operation State parks and recreation areas, this appropriation supports administrative activities for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of open spaces for public use; the administration of contracts for private concessions operated at the State park and recreation areas; the maintenance of Silver Lake State Park off- road vehicle voucher system; the improvement and maintenance of over 13,000 campsites and numerous other lodging facilities; the operation of seven nature centers and four historic sites that serve to interpret the natural history of the State; the provision of daily environmental education programming at State parks; and the provision of public access to Great Lakes lighthouses.

The operation and maintenance of State park and recreation facilities and programs is supported by a combination of user fees, Federal revenue, private concession revenue, and other State restricted sources. State park motor vehicle entrance fees were raised beginning January 1, 2004, with a sunset of January 1, 2007. The additional fee revenue and increased appropriations from the State Parks Endowment Fund offset the removal of all General Fund support for State parks. Beginning in October 2010, the Recreation Passport program replaced the traditional entrance fees. Now, residents have the option of paying a passport fee when they are renewing their vehicle registrations. This fee is a substantial decrease (\$11 compared to \$24) from the traditional annual entrance fees. Under the new program, nonresidents can purchase annual State park passes for \$29, the same price as before the Recreation Passport was enacted.

In FY 2023-24, the budget included 41.2 additional FTEs for Parks and Recreation Operations. These were all funded with restricted funds from the Park Improvement Fund.

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7. State park improvement revenue bonds – debt service

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The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows the Natural Resources Commission to issue park improvement revenue bonds, to be repaid with park fees. Revenue bonds totaling \$15.5 million were issued (proceeds were appropriated in the Capital Outlay budget) to cover improvements at Sterling State Park. Park Improvement Fund revenue supports this appropriation. This line is adjusted periodically to reflect the actual costs of servicing these bonds.

Unit Gross Appropriation	\$141,239,400
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$144,200
Michigan state waterways fund, federal	\$2,129,600
Special revenue funds:	
Private funds	\$428,300
Forest recreation account	\$6,029,500
Game and fish protection account	\$0
MacMullan Conference Center account	\$1,267,800
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$11,496,300
Off-road vehicle safety education fund	\$8,000
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$2,255,300
Pure Michigan trails fund	\$100
Recreation improvement account	\$590,700
Recreation passport fees	\$220,300
Snowmobile registration fee revenue	\$17,200

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Snowmobile trail improvement fund	\$2,050,000
State park improvement account	\$87,412,400
State park improvement account - Belle Isle subaccount	\$875,000
Waterways Account	\$22,444,600
State general fund/general purpose:	\$3,870,100

**Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION**

1. <u>Historical facilities system</u>	\$1,721,500
Classified FTE positions	13.0

Transferred to the Department of Natural Resources by Executive Order 2009-36, funding in this line is used to support the maintenance and upkeep of numerous historical buildings, monuments, and sites on the Island, the City, and in the Old Mill Creek State Park. This includes the historical and archeological collections, interpretive exhibits, tours, and demonstrations. Funding for the historical facilities is generated by user fees at the sites as well as the income from the museum store, publications revenue, fund raising, memberships, and special events. Additional funding for acquisition, capital outlay projects, and restoration is generated through the sale of gross revenue bonds that the Commission has the authority to issue.

2. <u>Mackinac Island park operations</u>	\$137,800
Classified FTE positions	4.0

Transferred to the Department of Natural Resources by Executive Order 2009-36, funding is appropriated for the operation of all nonhistorical facilities and land on the Island, in the city, and the Old Mill Creek State Park. This includes forests, wetlands, roads and trails, public utility sites, recreational facilities, docks, beaches, nature centers, and the airport. The staff of the park administers leases, transportation licenses of all public horse carriages, and coordinates with municipalities for water, sewer and wastewater, the fire stations, cemeteries, and local park. Staff is also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of numerous historical buildings on the Island, the City and in the Old Mill Creek State Park. Funding is also used for maintenance of the historical and archeological collections, interpretive exhibits, tours and demonstrations, a cable TV channel, transportation services including licensing of public horse-drawn transport, law enforcement, roads and trails for carriages, maintenance of the airport, restrooms and information centers, a nature center, a Scout Service Camp, the Governor's residence, and housing for employees and traveling Commission members.

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In FY 2014-15, \$250,000 of GF/GP and 3.0 FTEs were added to this line as part of the Nonmotorized Trail Initiative. These funds and personnel will be used to improve and maintain trails on Mackinac Island.

Unit Gross Appropriation	\$1,859,300
Special revenue funds:	
Mackinac Island state park fund	\$1,715,700
Mackinac Island state park operation fund	\$137,800
State general fund/general purpose:	\$5,800

**Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

1. Adopt-a-forest program \$0

This appropriation provides reimbursement to nonprofit organizations for supply and disposal costs incurred in the clean-up of State forest lands. The appropriation is supported entirely from the Forest Development Fund. Program and funding (\$25,000 Gross) were rolled into the Forest Management and Timber Market Development line in FY 2025-26.

2. Cooperative resource programs \$0

Classified FTE positions 0.0

This program was initiated in FY 1999-2000 to encourage landowners to maintain healthy landscapes by employing active forest management practices. The initial mechanism was the creation of public/private partnerships with public, private for-profit, and private nonprofit entities. The program was implemented cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Enough funding was made available initially to support two components of the program: grants to local soil conservation districts to provide forestry management assistance to private property owners with forested lands; and increased support for Department of Natural Resources field staff, training efforts, and the Natural Features Inventory. Beginning in FY 2003-04, the \$1.0 million grant to local soil conservation districts was provided from the Forest Development Fund. The money is provided to the MDA through an interdepartmental grant (IDG), and then the MDA awards the grants in November. The Governor vetoed the funding in FY 2007-08 and the amount of \$750,000 for this purpose in FY 2008-09. In FY 2009-10, this IDG was omitted from the budget entirely, and has not been included since.

This appropriation also provides funds to administer the Part 511 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), concerning tax incentives for the maintenance of commercial forests (formerly the Commercial Forest Act); to provide assistance and incentives

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to nonindustrial private landowners to encourage best forest management practices; to assist local governments with the administration of Part 513 of NREPA, concerning the establishment of and tax incentives for maintaining a private forest reserve (formerly the Private Forest Reserve Act); and to provide technical and social forestry assistance to cities, villages, and other local units of government. Program and funding (\$1.7 million Gross and 11.0 FTEs) were rolled into the Forest Management and Timber Market Development line in FY 2025-26.

3. Forest fire equipment

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This appropriation supports the activities of the Forest Fire Experiment Station, located in Roscommon. The Experiment Station designs, modifies, fabricates, and tests various types of forest firefighting equipment. The equipment developed under the Program is used to combat forest fires in the State. The Program also tests commercially available equipment to determine effectiveness and safety in suppressing wildfires. Program and funding (\$931,500 Gross) were rolled into the Wildfire Protection line.

4. Forest management and timber market development

\$50,616,400

Classified FTE positions

219.5

Created in FY 2009-10 from three programs within the former Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management division, this appropriation supports the activities associated with the harvesting of timber on State forest lands. These activities include the marking of tracts and individual trees for harvest; preparing timber sale proposals; advertising and conducting timber auctions; preparing timber sale contracts; and monitoring timber sale contracts for compliance with contract conditions and forest management objectives. The State is divided into 15 forest management units. The forest land within the units then is divided into 10 compartments such that an equal amount of timber is reviewed and marked for harvest each year for 10 years. This line received a baseline funding increase of \$3.9 million to hire additional foresters and generally increase resources available for the program. It is possible, though not guaranteed given the long-term nature of forest management, that this additional funding could increase the amount of timber marked and available for harvest annually.

Staff supported with this appropriation also are responsible for maintaining the State forests in a healthy and productive condition. Examples of activities that are undertaken to meet this responsibility include restocking/replanting after a timber harvest or wildfire; thinning or selectively cutting trees to allow younger or healthier trees to grow; and controlling weeds and insect pests. The source of revenue for this appropriation line is predominantly the Forest Development Fund.

Part 505 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act creates the Forest Finance Authority within the Department of Natural Resources. The Authority is charged with preserving employment in the State through the retention, promotion, and development of forestry and the forest products industry through improved and intense management of the State's forest system. The Authority is authorized to issue revenue bonds to cover the cost of forest management

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activities. Any bond principal and interest expenses would be covered from revenue derived from the sale of timber on State lands. To date, no revenue bonds have been issued by the Authority.

Additionally, the program provides assistance to the Department, other State agencies, and local governments in the use of computer mapping programs; develops, maintains, and distributes geographic information to the Department and the public; coordinates the development of geographic data with the Federal, State, and local units of government to reduce duplication of effort; and coordinates the acquisition of, and makes available to the public aerial photography and digital imagery.

The forest resource planning component of this appropriation supports the collection and maintenance of forest and forest product data, research, planning, and policy development concerning forest management issues. This section drafts forest management plans for the various State forest units, presents policies and plans to the Natural Resources Commission, and holds open houses to allow the public to review and comment on proposed forest management plans.

The forest land use component of this appropriation supports the oversight and management of controlled uses of State forest land resources, including mineral exploration and extraction, easements for public utilities and oil and gas pipelines, natural gas storage, and agricultural and other special land uses. This section also addresses trespass and encroachments on State forest land; administers land acquisitions, exchanges, and disposal; and manages, maintains and protects soil and water quality, endangered species and habitat, and other special forest features.

The FY 2023-24 budget included 15.0 new FTE authorizations. 12.0 of these were for the Good Neighbor Authority, which is a national program authorized through the U.S. Farm Bill that allows for co-management of federally owned forests by state and federal officials. State foresters in Michigan have partnered with three national forests: the Huron-Manistee, Hiawatha and Ottawa. The remaining 3.0 FTEs were included for Forest Land Management.

The FY 2025-26 budget included rolling up the Adopt-a-forest program, cooperative resource management, and forest management initiatives line items into the Forest Management and Timber Market Development Line. This resulted in a gross shift of 19.5 FTEs and \$2.6 million Gross funding to this line.

5. Forest management initiatives

\$0

Classified FTE positions

0.0

This line supports various efforts related to geographic information systems and geographic information technologies. These systems allow the Department to maintain an integrative computer database that tracks many aspects of the State's land resources. Information tracked in the database includes: land inventories, forest certification audits, recreational trail information, damage to resources, trespass tracking, fire response efforts, forest health and invasive species, forest habitat types, oil and gas mapping, and land transactions, among others.

Additionally, this line supports the Department's Aerial Imagery Program, which assures that DNR staff has adequate aerial imagery resources to conduct land management business. Images used by the Program also tie back into some of the efforts mentioned in the previous paragraph. Program and funding (\$944,200 Gross and 8.5 FTEs) were rolled into the Forest Management and Timber Market Development line in FY 2025-26.

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6. Wildfire protection

\$23,222,200

Classified FTE positions

137.0

The Department employs a force of trained firefighters who serve to prevent and suppress fire on State and privately owned forest lands. In addition, the fire protection staff develop and review fire management plans, conduct prescribed burns, and maintain firefighting equipment and facilities, including three aircraft used for fire detection. This appropriation also supports the acquisition of Federal surplus property for State and local fire suppression use.

The FY 2023-24 budget included 22.0 new FTEs for Emergency Response and Fire Management. These FTEs were funded using \$3.7 million ongoing GF/GP.

The FY 2024-25 budget \$478,300 GF/GP for an ongoing effort to invest in new radio and modem technology as existing tech reaches the end of its lifecycle, and have a recurring source of funding to replace this equipment over time.

The FY 2025-26 budget included rolling the Forest Fire Equipment line into the Wildfire Protection line. This resulted in a gross shift of \$931,500 Gross funding to this line.

Unit Gross Appropriation

\$73,838,600

Federal revenues:

Federal funds

\$6,101,100

Federal national forest timber fund

\$9,114,700

Special revenue funds:

Private funds

\$1,624,900

Commercial forest fund

\$26,000

Fire equipment fund

\$668,700

Forest development fund

\$42,679,300

Forest land user charges

\$247,500

Game and fish protection account

\$842,300

Waterways account

\$55,000

State general fund/general purpose:

\$12,479,100

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Sec. 111. GRANTS

1. Dam management grant program \$350,000

Created in FY 2012-13, this program provides grants to public and private dam owners whose dams are in need of repair or demolition. An additional \$2.0 million was also appropriated for FY 2012-13 for this program as a work project, but that appropriation was one-time; ongoing support for the program would be provided by this line item.

2. Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative \$200,000

The Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative is a grant program designed to foster productive relationships between the DNR, sportsmen's organizations, concerned citizens and other partners that produce tangible deer habitat improvement benefits and educate the public about the importance of the work and the scientific principles involved in it. This initiative is targeted for implementation only in the Upper Peninsula at this time.

3. Federal - clean vessel act grants \$400,000

The Federal funds appropriated in this line item provide grants to public and private boating facilities for new or upgraded marina sewage disposal facilities, pump-outs, and dump stations. Eligible projects, in addition to dump stations and additional pump-outs, include pump-outs for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pump-out systems. The grant recipient is required to provide 25.0% of the project cost.

4. Federal – forest stewardship grants \$2,000,000

The Federal funds appropriated in this line item are available to provide technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners who agree to develop and follow forest stewardship management plans for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem. State and local units of government, private organizations, and individuals are eligible for assistance under the program.

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5. Federal – rural community fire protection

\$1,050,000

Federal funds are available to reimburse qualified local fire departments for up to 50.0% of the cost of purchasing firefighting equipment for local communities. Fire departments in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less and that have publicly owned forested lands within their jurisdiction are eligible for assistance under this program.

6. Federal - urban forestry grants

\$900,000

Federal funds are available to make grants to local units of government and nonprofit organizations for urban and community forest activities including tree inventories, information and education programs, management plan development and implementation, tree planting, and other maintenance activities. A significant portion of this funding is for efforts related to eliminating the Emerald Ash Borer. In many parts of Michigan, the damage has been done, so to speak, so funds available for Emerald Ash Borer have declined in recent years.

7. Fisheries habitat improvement grants

\$1,250,000

Funding for these grants comes from revenue from increased hunting and fishing license fees that will go into effect on April 1, 2014. The grants would go to local units of government and private groups who will use the money for fish habitat improvement.

8. Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and timber payments

\$3,450,000

The Federal government returns approximately 25.0% of the revenue generated from oil, gas, and timber development and harvest in the national forests to counties in which the national forest lands are located. Under the Federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, counties distribute the payments such that 75.0% is allocated to local school districts for school purposes and 25.0% is allocated to townships for the improvement of county roads.

9. Grant to counties - marine safety

\$3,074,700

This appropriation supports grants that are directed to county sheriffs for watercraft law enforcement and safety education programs. The grants are distributed, after the receipt of an application, based on a formula that considers boat user days, water area within a county, number of individuals to be educated, number of boating slips, and public access sites. A local match equal to 25.0% of the grant amount is required. The funding source for this grant program is the Marine Safety Fund and Federal funding.

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10. National recreational trails \$3,911,600

U.S. Department of Transportation - Highway Administration funds are available for the maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities. State projects and State/local government partnership projects are eligible for funding under the program, provided that the project contributes to a Department program goal, and that the project is located on Department land or is linked to a trail on Department land.

11. Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance grants \$200,000

This line provides grants to State, local, and private groups for the creation, maintenance, and acquisition of land or easements for nonmotorized trails. Unlike motorized trails used by ORVs and snowmobiles, no significant revenue sources for nonmotorized trails exists, so the grants are funded by GF/GP revenue. This program was created in the FY 2014-15 budget as part of Governor Snyder's Nonmotorized Trail Initiative.

12. Off-road vehicle safety training grants \$60,000

These grants are provided to organizations to conduct ORV safety education courses for people under the age of 16 and award them a certificate required for operation of an ORV. This program was previously administered by the Department of Education and was transferred to the DNR in FY 2003-04.

13. Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants \$6,340,500

Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund dollars are appropriated for grants to public agencies or nonprofit, incorporated clubs or organizations for maintenance of existing ORV facilities, development of new ORV facilities, and for restoration of natural resources damaged by ORV use. Facilities maintained or developed with a grant from this appropriation must be open to the public. There is no match requirement.

In FY 2005-06, the funding for these grants was increased to allow for a larger appropriation from the ORV Trail Improvement Fund in Law Enforcement and also maintain the statutory formula for distribution of the revenue and to use the balance of the Fund. This higher grant level could last for about four years then the statute will have to be amended to change the formula in order to maintain the Law Enforcement appropriation from the ORV Trail improvement Fund.

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14. Recreation improvement fund grants

\$916,800

This appropriation, from the State restricted Recreation Improvement Fund, supports grants for State projects, and State/local government partnership projects where the applicant is a Department of Natural Resources division or bureau. The grants fund the operation, maintenance, and development of recreation trails, the restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles, and the cleanup of inland lakes.

15. Recreation passport local grants

\$2,000,000

Created by statute in FY 2011-12, revenue for these grants comes from 10% of all Recreation Passport revenue received after the first \$12.7 million. These grants are issued to local units of government for the renovation or improvement of existing parks or the creation of new ones.

16. Snowmobile law enforcement grants

\$380,100

This appropriation funds grants to county sheriff departments and other local law enforcement agencies for enforcement of snowmobile law, with the focus of the enforcement effort on the designated snowmobile trail system. Eligible law enforcement agencies must serve in counties with a minimum of 25 miles of designated, funded snowmobile trails. Grantees must provide at least 15.0% of the cost of the enforcement effort.

17. Snowmobile local grants program

\$7,090,400

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund monies are available to local units of government, nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs, and other nonprofit, incorporated organizations (not individuals) for snowmobile trail maintenance and for connecting existing snowmobile trails. Grant applicants must be able to obtain a trail right-of-way that is open to public snowmobiling, and that receives adequate snowfall for snowmobile operation from December through March. Grants are available for three purposes: 1) annual grooming maintenance, which must include grooming, signing, and brushing trails, and may include new trail development; 2) special maintenance, including bridge construction and repairs, erosion control, replacement of culverts, and relocation of trails away from plowed roads; and 3) equipment replacement on a 60:40 cost-share basis, including tractors, drag, front blade, and radio or telephone equipment. In most cases only previous grantees are eligible for grants, except when the previous sponsor of a trail or segment ceases to participate.

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18. Trail easements \$700,000

Grants funded by this line-item were made possible by the creation of the permanent snowmobile trail easement fund in 2008 PA 400. These grants are used to purchase land, secure easements, or other appropriate agreements allowing use of private property, for permanent snowmobile trails that are open to the public.

19. Wildlife habitat improvement grants \$1,502,500

Funding for these grants comes from revenue from increased hunting and fishing license fees that will go into effect on April 1, 2014. The grants would go to local units of government and private groups who will use the money for wildlife habitat improvement.

Unit Gross Appropriation \$35,776,600

Federal revenues:

Federal funds \$13,279,000

Special revenue funds:

Private funds \$100,000

Deer habitat reserve \$200,000

Game and fish protection fund \$2,752,500

Local public recreation facilities fund \$2,000,000

Marine safety fund \$1,407,300

Off-road vehicle safety education fund \$60,000

Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund \$6,340,500

Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund \$700,000

Recreation improvement account \$916,800

Snowmobile registration fee revenue \$380,100

Snowmobile trail improvement fund \$7,090,400

State general fund/general purpose: \$550,000

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**Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

1. Information technology services and projects \$10,729,400

Executive Order 2001-3 created the Department of Information Technology (DIT). The Executive Order transferred all technology related positions and functions to DIT. The FY 2002-03 budget first consolidated funding within each department for information technology services into a new appropriation unit, which is the source of funding for the interdepartmental grant - user fees that support DIT. FTEs for staff are appropriated in the DIT budget. Executive Order 2009-55 combined DIT and the Department of Management and Budget into the current Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Unit Gross Appropriation \$10,729,400

Special revenue funds:

Commercial forest fund	\$2,100
Deer habitat reserve	\$61,600
Forest development fund	\$1,567,700
Forest land user charges	\$23,900
Forest recreation account	\$43,900
Game and fish protection account	\$3,858,900
Land exchange facilitation and management fund	\$30,600
Marine safety fund	\$165,200
Michigan natural resources trust fund	\$24,600
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$1,357,600
Nongame wildlife fund	\$30,500
Off-road vehicle safety education fund	\$10,400
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$38,400
Pure Michigan trails fund	\$100

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Recreation improvement account	\$49,200
Snowmobile registration fee revenue	\$11,600
Snowmobile trail improvement fund	\$75,500
Sportsmen against hunger fund	\$600
State park improvement account	\$1,516,200
Turkey permit fees	\$33,800
Waterfowl fees	\$3,300
Waterways account	\$507,500
Wildlife resource protection fund	\$42,100
Youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund	\$2,000
State general fund/general purpose:	\$1,272,100

**Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**(a) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. Federal land and water conservation fund payments \$12,900,000

Federal funds are available for grants to local units of government and the State for the acquisition and development of land for outdoor recreation. Applications for these grants are evaluated on three criteria: need for project; capability of applicant to carry out the project; and site and project quality. From local government applicants, a match of at least 50.0% of total project cost is required. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources makes grant recommendations to the National Park Service, which has the final approval. The amount of Federal funds available for these grants is determined in the spring of the fiscal year.

This line was transferred from Grants to Capital Outlay in the FY 2023-24 budget.

2. Off-road vehicle trail development and maintenance \$3,000,000

This appropriation was transferred in the FY 2023-24 budget from the vehicle trail improvement local grant program. The shift to capital outlay is intended to provide flexibility relative to infrastructure project timelines.

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3. Snowmobile trail development and maintenance \$1,000,000

This appropriation was transferred in the FY 2023-24 budget from the snowmobile local grant program. The shift to capital outlay is intended to provide flexibility relative to infrastructure project timelines.

4. State game and wildlife area infrastructure \$1,500,000

This funds appropriated in this line are required to be used for the protection and restoration of wildlife and will be used for various special maintenance improvements to state game areas. This includes facility improvements, parking lot improvements, gates and fencing, wildlife structures, and various water mitigation projects.

This appropriation was removed in the FY 2024-25 budget as it was no longer necessary.

5. State parks repair and maintenance \$21,200,000

Appropriations from the Park Improvement Fund, Recreation Passport Fees, GF/GP, and private sources are used for repair and maintenance projects at State parks. This funding for capital outlay projects was transferred from the Capital Outlay budget to the Department of Natural Resources operations budget beginning in FY 2008-09.

6. Wetland restoration, enhancement, and acquisition \$1,000,000

This appropriation is funded using restricted funds from the Waterfowl Hunt Stamp revenue from waterfowl hunting license sales to utilize wetlands in the state to provide additional recreational opportunities for the public.

In the FY 2023-24 budget, this line was funded with GF/GP. In the FY 2024-25 budget, \$1.0 million in restricted funding returned to the appropriation.

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Unit Gross Appropriation	\$40,600,000
Federal Funds:	\$14,025,000
Special revenue funds:	
Private funds	\$0
Forest development fund	\$0
Game and fish protection fund	\$0
Michigan state parks endowment fund	\$4,600,000
Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	\$3,000,000
Other state restricted revenues	\$0
Recreation passport fees	\$15,100,000
Snowmobile trail improvement fund	\$2,800,000
Waterfowl hunt stamp	\$0
State general fund/general purpose:	\$3,500,000

**(b) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM**

1. Local boating infrastructure maintenance and improvements \$3,400,000

Appropriates funding for infrastructure improvement projects at boat launches, harbors, and marinas that are undertaken by local units of government.

2. State boating infrastructure maintenance \$8,067,400

Appropriates funding for infrastructure improvement projects at boat launches, harbors, and marinas that are owned by State government. Additionally, the appropriation allows for the acquisition of land for new Waterways projects.

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Unit Gross Appropriation	\$11,467,400
Federal revenues:	
Federal funds	\$1,667,400
Michigan state waterways fund, federal	\$300,000
Special revenue funds:	
Waterways account	\$9,500,000
State general fund/general purpose:	\$0

**Sec. 114. ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY APPROPRIATIONS**

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| 1. <u>Elberta waterfront community conservation project</u> | \$1,750,000 |
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This one-time appropriation supports the creation of a commission which will offer grants to state and local entities to commemorate America’s semiquincentennial. From these funds, \$3.0 million will be allocated as grants to locals, and \$2.0 million will be used for state initiatives intended to commemorate, preserve, or display the state’s unique role in the history of the United States.

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| 2. <u>Fish production – One-Time</u> | \$2,800,000 |
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This one-time appropriation supports an ongoing nonmotorized Border-To-Border trail project in Washtenaw County. Boilerplate associated with this section includes work project language.

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| 3. <u>Ice storm wildfire protection</u> | \$2,000,000 |
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This one-time appropriation supports the Department in aiding the research and establishment of a mass timber market in Michigan. Boilerplate associated with this section includes work project language.

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4. Nature awaits – One-Time

\$2,011,800

Classified FTE positions

13.8

This one-time appropriation supports the purchase of heavy equipment to aid in the management of phragmites around the state. Boilerplate language does specify that one piece of equipment purchased must be housed at the St. John’s Marsh Wildlife Area.

5. Reforestation

\$2,200,000

This one-time appropriation supports the purchase refrigerated trailers that processors can use to store deer and processed venison donations. Boilerplate associated with this section includes work project language. This also allows any remaining funds to be utilized for disease and lead testing for donated meat.

6. Removal and repair of high-hazard dams

\$1,450,000

This one-time appropriation supports an ongoing nonmotorized Border-To-Border trail project in Washtenaw County. Boilerplate associated with this section includes work project language.

Unit Gross Appropriation

\$12,211,800

Federal revenues:

Federal funds

\$0

Special revenue funds:

State general fund/general purpose:

\$12,211,800

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**GENERAL SECTIONS**

- 201 **Payments to Locals.** Listing of State payments to local units of government.  
**Background:** This subsection states the total state spending from State resources and total payments to local units of government contained in Part 1 of the bill. This is a standard boilerplate section contained in all appropriation bills pursuant to PA 431 of 1984. The statutory reference is MCL 18.1367.
- 202 **Management and Budget Act.** Subjects appropriations in the bill to the Management and Budget Act (P.A. 431 of 1984).  
**Background:** This is a standard section contained in all appropriation bills. The first version of this section was contained in the FY 1981-82 appropriation bill. The former section provided that appropriations were subject to PA 18 of 1981. PA 18 was repealed by PA 431 of 1984.
- 203 **Definitions.** Definitions of acronyms and abbreviations used in the bill.  
**Background:** This is a standard section contained in all appropriation bills.
- 204 **Internet Reports.** Requires the Department to use the Internet for publication of required reports; allows reporting by e-mail, and placement on an Internet or Intranet site.  
**Background:** This section was first included in FY 1999-2000.
- 205 **Legislative Response to Administrative Transfers.** Allows the state administrative board to transfer funds appropriated in part 1 if the legislature adopts a concurrent resolution.  
**Background:** This language had previously been included between FY 2020-21 and FY 2023-24. It was not included in FY 2024-25.
- 206 **Buy American Intent.** Provides that Department funds should not be used to purchase foreign goods if competitively priced and comparable quality American goods are available; and that preference should be given to the purchase of Michigan manufactured or provided goods and services.  
**Background:** A version of this section was first included in FY 1992-93. This is a standard section in all department budgets.
- 207 **Prohibit Disciplinary Action.** Prohibits the Department from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the Legislature or legislative staff.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2005-06 to all budget acts. No specific incident was cited. This is a standard section in all department budgets.  
**Declared Unenforceable in FY 2025-26**
- 208 **Out-of-State Travel Report.** Requires a report on all out-of-state travel done by classified and unclassified department employees. The report must include the dates of travel, and the funding sources used for travel.  
**Background:** An annual report on travel expenditures is a long-standing section in appropriation bills. In FY 2004-05, out-of-state travel was prohibited except for certain reasons. In FY 2010-11, a subsection allowing the State budget director to grant exceptions to this section was eliminated. For FY 2012-13, this section was returned to requiring a report only.

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209	<p><b><u>Legal Services.</u></b> Prohibits the use of funds to hire legal services that are the responsibility of the Attorney General. Allows money to be spent on bonding services or on legal services authorized by the Attorney General.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2007-08.</p> <p><b><u>Deleted in FY 2025-26</u></b></p>
209	<p><b><u>GF/GP Lapse Report.</u></b> Requires the Department to submit a report on projected GF/GP lapses at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added for FY 2011-12.</p>
210	<p><b><u>Contingency Funds.</u></b> Authorizes up to \$5.0 million in additional State restricted contingency fund spending pending the approval of legislative transfer requests.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Contingency funds have been included in appropriation bills for many years. However, this section was not included for two to three years and then restored in FY 2007-08. In FY 2019-20, Federal, local, and private contingency fund spending authorization was removed, leaving only contingency fund authorization for State restricted fund sources.</p>
211	<p><b><u>Internet Posting of Expenditures.</u></b> Requires the Department to maintain a user-friendly website listing all expenditures made by during the fiscal year. Updated in FY 2025-26 no longer require the number of active employees by job class or the job specifications and wage rates. Also updated to require quarterly updates.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2008-09.</p>
212	<p><b><u>Restricted Fund Balance Report.</u></b> Requires the Department to provide an annual report on restricted fund balances, projected revenue, and expenditures for the current and immediately preceding fiscal years. The report is due within 14 days of the release of the Executive budget recommendation.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added for FY 2010-11.</p>
213	<p><b><u>Access to State and Local Services.</u></b> Prohibits appropriations to be used to restrict or impede marginalized community's access to government resources. Requires local governments to report actions or policies that attempt to restrict or interfere with duties of the local health officer.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2023-24.</p>
214	<p><b><u>Geographically-Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.</u></b> Directs the Department to take reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts for services and supplies. The Director shall strongly encourage subcontracts with certified businesses in deprived and depressed communities.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This is a long-standing section in all department budgets. Language was updated in FY 2023-24 from "businesses in deprived and depressed communities" to "geographically disadvantaged communities".</p>
215	<p><b><u>FTE Status Report.</u></b> Requires the Department to submit a quarterly report of the number of FTEs in pay status and includes another requirement for a semiannual report on remote work by the department.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2020-21, largely in response to the COVID-19 causing many employees to have to work from home and creating hybrid work environments. This section is standard across all State budgets. In FY 2023-24, the budget removed another requirement for a semiannual report on remote work by the department.</p>

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216	<p><b><u>In-Person Work Priority.</u></b> States that the department shall prioritize employees working in-person and comply with requirements set by the office of the state employer on in-person work and utilization and occupancy rates (80% or higher) of state buildings. Also requires the department to provide badge scanning information when requested by a member of the legislature.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2025-26.</p>
217	<p><b><u>Retain Copies of all Reports.</u></b> This section requires the department to retain all reports that are funded in part 1 appropriations.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2020-21 and is standard across all State budgets.</p>
218	<p><b><u>Report on all Policy Changes.</u></b> This section requires the department to reports annually all policy changes made in the prior year.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2020-21 and is standard across all State budgets.</p>
219	<p><b><u>Work Authorization Requirement.</u></b> This section requires the department to include E-Verify participation as a condition of all contracts and subcontracts, ensuring that contractors and subcontractors verify employment authorization for individuals hired during the contract term. The department may directly verify compliance or require contractors to certify their use of E-Verify. The department must also report annually, by March 1, to the standard report recipients on the processes it has developed and implemented to carry out these requirements.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2025-26 and is standard across all State budgets.</p>
220	<p><b><u>Intent to Expend Existing Work Project Authorization.</u></b> This section expresses the intent that all current work project authorizations be spent before utilizing new funding appropriated for the same purpose.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2020-21 and is standard across all State budgets.</p> <p><b><u>Declared Unenforceable in FY 2025-26</u></b></p>
222	<p><b><u>Work Project Reporting.</u></b> This section requires the department to submit report summarizing existing work project accounts not later than 6 months after the state budget office issues work project letters.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2025-26 and is standard across all State budgets.</p>
223	<p><b><u>State Impact of Federal Policy Changes.</u></b> Requires quarterly reports from the department outlining notification of any federal policy changes that are expected to affect the Department.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2025-26.</p>
224	<p><b><u>Legacy Costs Included in Budget.</u></b> Identifies the total amount of appropriations in part 1 that represent costs related to retiree pensions and health care costs.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2014-15, and was requested by Governor Snyder. Deleted in FY 2023-24 and included once again in FY 2025-26.</p>
225	<p><b><u>Annual Strategic Plan.</u></b> Requires the Department report annually on the mission, vision, goals, strategies, and performance measures of the department.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added to all State budgets included in FY 2025-26.</p>

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226	<p><b><u>Report Accessibility and Posting.</u></b> Requires the Department to post all reports required in Part 2 publicly and conspicuously on the Department’s Michigan.gov website.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was first included in FY 2025-26.</p>
227	<p><b><u>State Obligations.</u></b> Requires the department to report on any court settlement that may require further legislative review of state statutory programs or regulations.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was first included in FY 2025-26.</p>
228	<p><b><u>Private and Other Third-Party Funds Report.</u></b> Requires the department to disclose publicly private and other third-party funds received by the department in the previous fiscal year. This must include the fund source and the purpose for which it was expended.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was first included in FY 2025-26.</p>
229	<p><b><u>Legislatively Directed Spending and Grant Oversight.</u></b> This section establishes detailed requirements for the administration, oversight, and transparency of legislatively directed spending items (direct appropriation grants). It requires the Legislature to provide a complete list of funded items within 30 days of enactment and directs the department to execute grant agreements only after verifying recipient eligibility, capacity, and compliance with state and federal law. Grant funds must be disbursed on a reimbursement basis, used solely for the approved public purpose, and are subject to conflict-of-interest safeguards and lapse provisions if requirements are not met.</p> <p>Executed grant agreements must include project descriptions, budgets, reporting requirements, clawback provisions, and record retention assurances. Grants are subject to monitoring, audits, and potential referral for investigation if misuse is identified. All grants must be completed and fully expended by September 30, 2030, with unspent funds returned to the state. The section also requires regular public reporting on grant status and allows the State Budget Office to centralize reporting across departments when more efficient.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was first included in FY 2025-26.</p>
230	<p><b><u>Restricted Fund Sources Appropriated Outside the Department.</u></b> Lists amounts appropriated to other State departments or agencies from the specified restricted fund sources.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was originally added as a method of tracking appropriations from the Game and Fish Protection Fund in other State department and agency budgets. In FY 2021-22, additional language was added for the processing of interagency fee payments from certain state restricted funds. Since the amounts from the specified restricted funds are directly appropriated in those other budgets, this section does not impose a controlling limitation.</p> <p><b>Restricted Fund Sources Included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Game and fish protection fund</li><li>Michigan state waterways fund</li><li>Park improvement fund</li><li>Forest development fund</li><li>Michigan natural resources trust fund</li><li>Michigan state parks endowment fund</li><li>Nongame wildlife fund</li></ol>

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231	<p><b><u>Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund Appropriation.</u></b> Appropriates \$6.0 million from the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund to the Game and Fish Protection account pursuant to Sec. 43703(3) of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This is a boilerplate appropriation authorized in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Funding in the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund is generated by oil and gas revenue from lands purchased with dollars from the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The Department requests this appropriation to support appropriations from the Game and Fish Protection Fund.</p>
232	<p><b><u>Departmental contracts.</u></b> Allows the department to enter contractual agreements with local governments, universities, or nonprofit organizations to support part 1 appropriations.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2019-20 and requested by the Governor.</p>
233	<p><b><u>Restricted Revenue Carryforward Authority for Private Funds.</u></b> This section allows the DNR to accept monetary and nonmonetary gifts/donations to be collected and allocated to their specific purpose. It also allows the carryforward of unexpended funds so that they do not lapse to the general fund.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2024-25. It was included to allow for additional private revenue to be collected in association with the Straits State Park Interpretive Site project.</p>
240	<p><b><u>Prohibition on Utility-Scale Solar and Wind Projects.</u></b> Prohibits the Department from using any part 1 appropriations for utility-scale solar or wind development projects.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was first included in FY 2025-26.</p>
232	<p><b><u>State Fiscal Recovery Fund Re-Allocation.</u></b> This section was included as a safeguard to prevent unexpended funds from allocated to the state by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) are able to be reallocated and spent before the December 31, 2026 deadline. This section specifies that any unappropriated funds are immediately reappropriated for the purpose of reclassifying GF/GP appropriations for payroll and covered benefits for eligible public health and safety employees at the Department of Corrections or the Department of State Police.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2024-25.</p> <p><b>DELETED IN FY 2025-26</b></p>

**COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

240	<p><b><u>Cultural Resource Management.</u></b> This section requires the department to establish and maintain the cultural resource management program within the Department. This program was added to increase the department's capacity to address existing archeological responsibilities within the Michigan History Museum, establish an ongoing process that includes consultation with known lineal descendants and Indian tribe officials on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological activity will occur, or where an inadvertent discovery has been made in addressing the identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American Cultural items.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> This section was added in FY 2023-24.</p>
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**DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

- 251 **Invasive Species Grants.** Requires that at least \$3.6 million of the \$5.0 million appropriated in part one for Invasive Species Prevention and Control (ISPC) be spent on grants for the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2014-15, the same year funding for ISPC was first included.
- 252 **Invasive Species Fund.** This section allows the department to expend funds from the Invasive Species Fund for invasive species immediate response efforts. This also requires the department to notify the subcommittees and fiscal agencies of both houses of any expenditures every year.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2023-24.
- 253 **Legal Services Expenditures on Feral Swine.** Prohibits the Department from using appropriations on legal services against hunting operations concerning swine.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.
- 254 **Feeding Birds.** Prohibits the Department from prohibiting individuals from feeding birds or wildlife within 300 feet of a residence.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.
- 255 **Identification of State Land.** States that lands managed by the department shall be identified as department-managed public lands or publicly owned lands.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.
- 256 **Contingency Funds for Increased Hunting/Fishing License Fees.** This section allows for an additional \$30.0 million in Restricted Contingency authorization in the event of legislation being enacted that generates additional hunting and fishing license revenues.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.
- 257 **Easements for Broadband on State Land.** This section requires the department prioritize right-of-way permits for the construction or maintenance of broadband facilities on state land.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.

**DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

- 301 **Recovery of Costs for Land Acquisition Projects.** Allows the Department to charge any appropriation in Part 1, or from prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover costs for land acquisition projects.  
**Background:** This section authorizes intradepartmental transfers for land acquisition project services provided by one bureau to another within the Department.
- 302 **Application and Transaction Fees.** Authorizes the Department to set and charge application and transaction fees to cover costs related to the exchange or sale of State-owned land or rights in land.  
**Background:** This section was added in FY 2003-04. It allows the Department to collect and spend fees paid by individuals requesting land transactions with the State. Statutory authorization for this long-standing practice is vague and this section clarifies this practice.

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303 **Receipt and Expenditure of Carbon Offset Credits.** This section allows the department to receive and expend money from state restricted sources to pay vendor costs associated with the administration of carbon offset credits.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2023-24.

**COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

408 **Land Transactions.** Requires the department to submit a report on all land transactions approved by the Natural Resources Commission.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2003-04 to obtain information on how DNR-owned property changes over the course of a year and from year to year.

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

501 **Little Manistee River Designation Prohibition.** This section prohibits the department from designating the Little Manistee River as a natural river.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

701 **Recreation Passport Selection.** This section requires that the purchase of recreation passports in the state be an opt-in system.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26 to preempt the opt-out system that had been proposed in recent years.

**FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

802 **Timber Marking for Harvest.** Requires the Department to produce a quarterly report on the number of acres of state forestland marked or treated for timber harvest

**Background:** Department personnel mark State trees for harvest by private timber entities. This section establishes a rate for the marking of trees by the Department to regulate the amount available for harvest from year to year. In FY 2003-04, the provision regarding the marking of hardwood timber was added in response to statements from stakeholders addressing the quality of timber being marked. In FY 2005-06, the target was set as a minimum, a quarterly report was added, and the new forest certification process was recognized. In FY 2010-11, this report was changed to an annual one. In FY 2016-17 this section was heavily modified to require only a quarterly report. The section had previously established timber marking and harvest quotas.

In FY 2021-22, this reporting requirement was modified to include the number of acres prepared, the number of acres sold, and the amount of revenue generated by the sale and harvesting of state land for the last quarter and year to date.

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803 **Reimbursement for Federal Forest Fires.** Authorizes the Department to receive and expended money from Federal sources for the purpose of responding to wildfires as required by a compact with the Federal government. Requires notification to the State Budget Director and the Legislature if expenditures under this section are necessary.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2007-08 to facilitate the use of Federal funding to fight wildfires.

807 **Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund.** Appropriates up to \$800,000 for the response to any disaster as defined in the Emergency Management Act. This money would not be allowed to be spent without approval from the State Budget Director.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2013-14. The remainder of the money in this Fund is appropriated in the State Police budget.

**GRANTS**

1001 **Federal Oil, Gas, and Timber Revenue.** Automatically appropriates Federal oil, gas, and timber payments revenue that is available in excess of the amounts appropriated in Part 1 in the grants to communities - Federal oil, gas, and timber payments line item, as long as no State matching funds are required; requires the reporting by November 30 of automatic adjustments to the appropriations in Part 1 through this section.

**Background:** The Federal government passes part of its revenue from oil, gas, and timber payments back to the communities from which the resources came. The State serves an intermediary for the funding and does not retain any revenue from this transaction. The appropriation in Part 1 for this purpose is \$3,450,000 and this section automatically appropriates any additional Federal revenue received for this purpose. If the appropriation in Part 1 is insufficient, this section allows the Department to make the payments while informing the Legislature.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

1103 **Capital Outlay Work Project Carryforward.** Allows capital outlay project appropriations to be carried-forward as work projects, as provided in the Management and Budget Act.

**Background:** This is a long-standing section.

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1201 **Ice Storm Wildfire Protection Work Project** This section dedicates a \$2.0 million appropriation to enhance fire suppression resources due to the increased risk after the ice storms in 2025. This section also includes work project language with a tentative completion date of September 30, 2029.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.

1202. **Reforestation Work Project.** This section dedicates \$2.2 million to support the reforestation of northern Michigan following the ice storms of 2025. This section also includes work project language with a tentative completion date of September 30, 2029.

**Background:** This section was added in FY 2025-26.