

Environmental Conservation, Department of

Mission

The mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is to conserve, improve, and protect New York's natural resources and environment; and to prevent, abate, and control water, land, and air pollution in order to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State, and their overall economic and social well-being.

Organization and Staffing

DEC is headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. DEC's central office is in Albany, with regional offices in Avon, Buffalo, Long Island City, New Paltz, Ray Brook, Schenectady, Stony Brook, Syracuse, and Watertown. Working with DEC headquarters, regional offices review and issue environmental permits for activities regulated by DEC, such as the operation of landfills and sewage treatment plants, and ensure compliance with State and federal environmental statutes.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$6.2 billion for DEC, reflecting an increase of \$4.3 billion from FY 2022. The preponderance of the increase is attributable to the postponement of the public referendum vote on the Environmental Bond Act from 2021 to 2022. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 3,108 FTEs for DEC, which is inclusive of Lake George Park Commission's 9 FTEs. This increase reflects the agency's growing workload in a number of different programmatic areas including clean water infrastructure, air monitoring, and the brownfield cleanup program.

Major budget actions include:

- \$4 billion for the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The bond act will support capital improvements and enhancements in the following areas: flood risk reduction/restorations; open space, working lands conservation, and recreation; climate change mitigation; and water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure. The bond act will go before voters as a ballot measure during the November 2022 general election.
- \$500 million in additional resources to support additional investments in clean water projects throughout the State. This is the fourth installment of a commitment to provide an additional \$2.5 billion in support over five years for drinking water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality protection, bringing the State's current clean water investment total to \$4.5 billion.
- \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) - the largest level in State history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and environmental justice.
- \$90 million for DEC's New York Works capital program, including \$15 million for additional investments in core infrastructure and outdoor recreation projects, and an additional \$20 million for the Conklingville Dam.
- \$278.5 million in federal appropriations is included to allow DEC to accept funds from the federal infrastructure bills. This includes \$228.5 million specifically for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
- The Brownfield Cleanup Program is prioritized in the budget. The application sunset date is extended by five years due to continued program demand. The program is also expanded to provide new categories of eligibility for tangible property credits, thus incentivizing cleanups in disadvantaged communities. The budget establishes a program fee, that would be deposited into the Hazardous Waste Remediation Fund, to support the program.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

Program Highlights

DEC manages a diverse array of programs and activities which are divided into the following programs: Administration; Air & Water Quality Management; Environmental Enforcement; Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources; Forest & Land; Operations; and Solid & Hazardous Waste Management.

To protect and improve environmental quality, DEC regulates hazardous waste and oversees the cleanup of

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hazardous waste sites; assists public and private parties in cleaning up contaminated "brownfield" properties; monitors air and water quality and implements air and water pollution control programs; regulates solid waste management; regulates the use of pesticides; oversees chemical and petroleum bulk storage and responds to chemical and oil spills; regulates water withdrawals; and enforces the (ECL).

To conserve natural resources, DEC works to protect fish, wildlife, and marine resources; licenses and educates anglers, hunters, and trappers; promotes forestry; regulates and monitors the extraction of oil, natural gas, solution salt, and hard minerals; encourages the reduction, reuse, and recycling of solid waste; issues permits for various activities that affect the State's air, water, wetlands, mineral, and biological resources; and controls wildland fires.

In addition, DEC coordinates the State's efforts to respond to climate change by providing reliable scientific analysis to support climate policy decisions; developing programs to empower agencies, organizations, and individuals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the effects of unavoidable global warming.

DEC partners with different State agencies, including the Environmental Facilities Corporation to coordinate low cost financing for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure; the Department of State for coastal management and brownfield opportunity area programs; the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on recreational activities; and the Adirondack Park Agency to develop long-range land use plans for public lands within the boundary of the Adirondack Park.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	509,487,000	481,437,000	(28,050,000)	393,911,000
Aid To Localities	942,500	0	(942,500)	8,819,500
Capital Projects	1,371,850,000	5,728,600,000	4,356,750,000	7,772,790,000
Total	1,882,279,500	6,210,037,000	4,327,757,500	8,175,520,500

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ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	151	116	(35)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	100	100	0
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	182	213	31
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	147	147	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	223	223	0
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	265	277	12
Special Revenue Funds - Other	114	114	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	109	131	22
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	287	273	(14)
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	1	1	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	0
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	272	285	13
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	92	95	3
Operations			
General Fund	126	139	13
Special Revenue Funds - Other	36	36	0
Rehabilitation and Improvement			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	363	390	27
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	12	23	11
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	208	219	11
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	212	212	0
Total	3,014	3,108	94

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	166,453,000	145,448,000	(21,005,000)
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	82,198,000	82,198,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	260,741,000	253,696,000	(7,045,000)
Total	509,487,000	481,437,000	(28,050,000)
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(46,144,000)		
Appropriated FY 2022	463,343,000		

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Administration			
General Fund	14,531,000	13,848,000	(683,000)
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	18,828,000	17,229,000	(1,599,000)
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	18,353,000	20,265,000	1,912,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	41,898,000	41,898,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	55,478,000	56,619,000	1,141,000
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	46,572,000	43,968,000	(2,604,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	38,323,000	29,373,000	(8,950,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	16,738,000	15,172,000	(1,566,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	28,000,000	28,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	43,583,000	45,499,000	1,916,000
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	34,741,000	29,054,000	(5,687,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	33,112,000	32,312,000	(800,000)
Lake George Park Commission			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,052,000	2,291,000	239,000
Operations			
General Fund	33,554,000	19,202,000	(14,352,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,466,000	16,674,000	2,208,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	1,964,000	3,939,000	1,975,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,300,000	7,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	54,899,000	53,699,000	(1,200,000)
Total	509,487,000	481,437,000	(28,050,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	12,390,000	(683,000)	12,078,000	(683,000)
Air and Water Quality Management	18,390,000	1,912,000	18,245,000	1,912,000
Environmental Enforcement	42,327,000	(2,604,000)	36,274,000	896,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	8,447,000	(1,566,000)	7,938,000	(1,066,000)
Forest and Land Resources	26,376,000	(5,687,000)	24,530,000	(3,687,000)
Operations	11,103,000	(14,352,000)	10,493,000	(13,852,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	3,326,000	1,975,000	3,147,000	2,075,000
Total	122,359,000	(21,005,000)	112,705,000	(14,405,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	254,000	0	58,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	71,000	0	74,000	0
Environmental Enforcement	445,000	0	5,608,000	(3,500,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	443,000	0	66,000	(500,000)
Forest and Land Resources	215,000	0	1,631,000	(2,000,000)
Operations	423,000	0	187,000	(500,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	166,000	0	13,000	(100,000)
Total	2,017,000	0	7,637,000	(6,600,000)

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SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,458,000	0	300,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	1,875,000	0	540,000	0
Environmental Enforcement	1,641,000	0	377,000	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	6,725,000	0	1,003,000	0
Forest and Land Resources	2,678,000	0	540,000	0
Operations	8,099,000	0	3,574,000	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	613,000	0	102,000	0
Total	23,089,000	0	6,436,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	89,000	0	990,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	109,000	0	1,152,000	0
Environmental Enforcement	51,000	0	1,169,000	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	61,000	0	5,599,000	0
Forest and Land Resources	149,000	0	1,913,000	0
Operations	289,000	0	3,139,000	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	21,000	0	485,000	0
Total	769,000	0	14,447,000	0

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	79,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	74,000	0
Environmental Enforcement	44,000	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	62,000	0
Forest and Land Resources	76,000	0
Operations	1,097,000	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	5,000	0
Total	1,437,000	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**

**FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	17,324,000	(1,599,000)	9,080,000	(1,599,000)
Air and Water Quality Management	98,517,000	1,141,000	43,488,500	2,525,500
Environmental Enforcement	29,373,000	(8,950,000)	12,822,000	(8,400,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	73,499,000	1,916,000	31,236,000	1,916,000
Forest and Land Resources	37,312,000	(800,000)	17,729,000	(600,000)
Lake George Park Commission	2,291,000	239,000	840,000	117,000
Operations	16,674,000	2,208,000	5,353,000	2,320,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	60,999,000	(1,200,000)	26,028,000	(955,000)
Total	335,989,000	(7,045,000)	146,576,500	(4,675,500)

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	8,244,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	55,028,500	(1,384,500)
Environmental Enforcement	16,551,000	(550,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	42,263,000	0
Forest and Land Resources	19,583,000	(200,000)
Lake George Park Commission	1,451,000	122,000
Operations	11,321,000	(112,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	34,971,000	(245,000)
Total	189,412,500	(2,369,500)

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	942,500	0	(942,500)
Total	942,500	0	(942,500)

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AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Administration			
General Fund	942,500	0	(942,500)
Total	942,500	0	(942,500)

CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	24,700,000	20,000,000	(4,700,000)	50,714,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	18,000,000	18,000,000	0
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
EnCon Capital Misc Gifts	0	0	0	1,000,000
Air Quality - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	27,691,000
Air Resources				
Clean Air Fund	0	0	0	97,000
Air Resources - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	8,726,000
Clean Water - Clean Air Implementation				
Clean Water Clean Air Implementation Fund	0	0	0	6,405,000
Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act				
Cap Proj Fund -Clean Water, Air, Green Jobs (Bondable)	0	4,000,000,000	4,000,000,000	0
Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Fund				
Clean Water - Clean Air Bond Fund	0	0	0	105,531,000
Environment and Recreation				
Environmental Protection Fund	300,000,000	400,000,000	100,000,000	1,356,577,000
Environmental Protection and Enhancements				
Environmental Protection Fund	0	0	0	17,879,000
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund				
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund - 1986	0	0	0	39,006,000
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund				
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund	0	0	0	18,979,000
Environmental Restoration - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	21,309,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				

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Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	10,506,000
Fish and Wildlife				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	4,639,000
Hudson River Habitat Restor. Fund	0	0	0	36,000
Habitat Conserv & Access	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	2,297,000
Lands and Forests				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	5,000,000	(1,000,000)	47,340,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	29,243,000
Forest Preserve Expansion Fund	0	0	0	110,000
Marine Resources				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	10,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	30,864,000
New York Works				
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	75,250,000	90,000,000	14,750,000	238,691,000
Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	24,500,000	26,500,000	2,000,000	68,691,000
Natural Resource Damages Fund	47,500,000	0	(47,500,000)	78,131,000
Financial Security Fund	0	0	0	10,136,000
Pure Waters Bond Fund				
Pure Waters Bond Fund	0	0	0	20,568,000
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	936,000
Solid Waste - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	35,000
Solid Waste Management				
Capital Projects Fund	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	14,303,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	58,210,000
NY Env Protection and Spill Remediation	21,200,000	21,200,000	0	28,653,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	70,395,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	361,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund	6,000,000	10,000,000	4,000,000	95,710,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund - Authority Bonds	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	319,485,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	38,046,000
Water Resources				
Capital Projects Fund	9,700,000	12,400,000	2,700,000	39,407,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	5,500,000	5,500,000	0	42,701,000
Cap Proj Fund - State Revolving Fund (Auth Bonds)	35,000,000	55,000,000	20,000,000	152,380,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	500,000,000	500,000,000	0	3,778,829,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	175,000,000	383,500,000	208,500,000	761,901,000
Federal Stimulus	0	0	0	2,436,000
Water Resources - Clean Water/Clean Air				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	44,877,000

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Water Resources - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	2,375,000
Water Resources - PWBA				
Capital Projects Fund - PWBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	126,584,000
Total	1,371,850,000	5,728,600,000	4,356,750,000	7,772,790,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020