

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of

Mission

The mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is to provide safe and enjoyable recreational and interpretive opportunities for all New York State residents and visitors and to be responsible stewards of our valuable natural, historic, and cultural resources.

Organization and Staffing

OPRHP is headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor. Operations are administered through a network of 11 regional offices: Allegany, Central, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island, New York City, Niagara, Palisades, Saratoga/Capital District, Taconic, and Thousand Islands. The central office, which includes executive and other administrative support staff, is located in Albany.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of approximately \$1 billion for OPRHP, an increase of about \$309 million from the FY 2024 Enacted Budget. This change primarily reflects spending associated with a \$100 million Centennial appropriation for OPRHP capital projects, \$150 million in new grant programs for New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NYSWIMS), new park and campsite safety measures, settled union contracts, and increased operational activities. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,453 FTEs for OPRHP in FY 2025.

The Budget allocates \$200 million in New York Works capital funding to OPRHP to further expand the on-going investment to restore and repair parks and historic sites across New York. The Budget also allocates an unprecedented \$100 million in additional funding for the celebration of the New York State Parks' Centennial.

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

Program Highlights

OPRHP's mission is carried out through its operation of 216 parks and historic sites, providing safe and attractive facilities, accessible and affordable services, and quality visitor experiences. To increase efficiencies, OPRHP has reorganized functions and consolidated management operations, and continues to achieve efficiencies by streamlining administrative oversight, redeploying staff and consolidating functions. To enhance park facilities and support events, OPRHP continues to foster public-private partnerships, including corporate sponsorships.

The responsibilities of OPRHP are carried out through four major programs:

- Administration provides executive direction, fiscal, personnel, and public communication services, as well as management of the capital program;
- Park Operations operates the State's 181 parks in the 11 park regions throughout the State. Staff includes a statewide police force, security, field operations, and maintenance personnel;
- Historic Preservation oversees preservation activities at 35 historic sites, develops a statewide Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan and maintains the State Register of Historic Places; and
- The Natural Heritage Trust receives and administers funds, including private gifts and bequests, to advance conservation, outdoor recreation and historic preservation purposes. Created under the Public Authorities Law in 1968, the Natural Heritage Trust is a public benefit corporation.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

<u>Category</u>	Available FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended FY 2025	Change From FY 2024	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025
State Operations	359,704,253	386,382,000	26,677,747	193,590,500
Aid To Localities	11,605,000	26,605,000	15,000,000	34,473,250
Capital Projects	361,000,000	622,400,000	261,400,000	910,637,000
Total	732,309,253	1,035,387,000	303,077,747	1,138,700,750

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

<u>Program</u>	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	220	220	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5	5	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	105	105	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	19	19	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	1,181	1,199	18
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	12	12
Special Revenue Funds - Other	289	289	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	495	495	0
Recreation Services			
General Fund	0	12	12
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7	7	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	37	37
Enterprise Funds	53	53	0
Total	2,374	2,453	79

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Enterprise Funds	41,682,000	41,682,000	0
General Fund	179,492,253	198,818,000	19,325,747
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,283,000	8,783,000	1,500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	131,247,000	137,099,000	5,852,000
Total	359,704,253	386,382,000	26,677,747
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(6,010,253)		
Appropriated FY 2024	353,694,000		

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Administration			
General Fund	29,924,554	32,431,000	2,506,446
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	1,000,000	500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	498,000	498,000	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	11,105,000	11,105,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,783,000	2,283,000	500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	101,000	103,000	2,000
Park Operations			
General Fund	138,462,699	155,282,000	16,819,301
Special Revenue Funds - Other	125,894,000	131,744,000	5,850,000
Recreation Services			
Enterprise Funds	41,682,000	41,682,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,500,000	500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,754,000	4,754,000	0
Total	359,704,253	386,382,000	26,677,747

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	31,057,000	2,006,446	31,046,000	4,500,000
Historic Preservation	10,456,000	0	8,781,000	0
Park Operations	137,489,000	16,619,301	110,191,000	16,619,301
Total	179,002,000	18,625,747	150,018,000	21,119,301

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(2,493,554)	11,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,588,000	0	87,000	0
Park Operations	21,793,000	0	5,505,000	0
Total	23,381,000	(2,493,554)	5,603,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,374,000	500,000	684,000	249,000
Historic Preservation	649,000	0	221,000	0
Park Operations	17,793,000	200,000	5,637,000	200,000
Total	19,816,000	700,000	6,542,000	449,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	209,000	76,000	393,000	143,000
Historic Preservation	23,000	0	351,000	0
Park Operations	216,000	0	7,296,000	0
Total	448,000	76,000	8,040,000	143,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	88,000	32,000
Historic Preservation	54,000	0
Park Operations	4,644,000	0
Total	4,786,000	32,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2025 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,498,000	500,000	798,000	500,000
Historic Preservation	2,386,000	502,000	1,660,000	502,000
Park Operations	131,744,000	5,850,000	72,225,000	5,850,000
Recreation Services	51,936,000	500,000	15,558,000	500,000
Total	187,564,000	7,352,000	90,241,000	7,352,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	700,000	0
Historic Preservation	726,000	0
Park Operations	59,519,000	0
Recreation Services	36,378,000	0
Total	97,323,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	300,000	300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,170,000	18,170,000	15,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	8,135,000	8,135,000	0
Total	11,605,000	26,605,000	15,000,000

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Historic Preservation			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,120,000	1,120,000	0
Recreation Services			
General Fund	300,000	300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,050,000	17,050,000	15,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	8,135,000	8,135,000	0
Total	11,605,000	26,605,000	15,000,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change	Reappropriations FY 2025
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	31,000,000	36,000,000	5,000,000	24,902,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	76,037,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	50,700,000	59,600,000	8,900,000	138,193,000
Misc. Capital Projects	56,800,000	56,800,000	0	211,059,000
Natural Heritage Trust				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	300,000
New York Works				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	202,500,000	450,000,000	247,500,000	452,130,000
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund				
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund	0	0	0	6,218,000
Parks EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	1,798,000
Total	361,000,000	622,400,000	261,400,000	910,637,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024