

OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MISSION

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's mission 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. The Office operates and maintains 167 parks and 35 historic sites, hosts a multitude of cultural and educational programs, and offers diverse recreational opportunities, ranging from secluded campsites to the internationally renowned Niagara Falls State Park. Over 60 million people visit the State's parks and historic sites annually.

New York's park system and its unparalleled recreation opportunities are an important factor in the State's tourism industry and economy. Services open to the public at State parks include beaches, golf courses, performing arts centers, swimming pools, marinas, cabins, campgrounds and many significant historic sites.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Office 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 is located in Albany, and includes executive staff and other administrative support functions.

For fiscal year 2003-04, the Office will have a workforce of 1,526. Extensive use of more than 5,000 temporary and seasonal employees supplement the permanent staff in the peak summer season.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2003-04 Executive Budget recommends more than \$219 million for the Office's programs, including \$94.4 million in General Fund moneys and more than \$64.4 million in fee revenues. These funds will support operation of all existing park facilities and the development of parklands acquired with funding from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

These recommendations continue funding for the Empire State Games and Art Park at the 2002-03 level. In addition, \$4.95 million in funding for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquaria program will be provided from the EPF.

The General Fund continues to be the Office's primary source of support for its operating and local assistance budgets, providing 50.3 percent of its funding. The remaining 49.7 percent is provided by a variety of sources, including:

- User fees at the parks (43.5 percent);
- Federal grants for activities related to the use of recreational vehicles and land and water conservation (5.3 percent); and
- Fiduciary and Enterprise funds, including moneys earmarked for historic sites, arboretums and the Empire State Games (.9 percent).

The primary focus of the Office's capital program is the health and safety of park visitors and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing facilities. Park facilities include more than 5,000 buildings, 27 golf courses, 53 swimming pools, 76 beaches, 27 marinas, 40 boat launching sites, 18 nature centers, 774 cabins and 8,320 campsites. The Office also maintains hundreds of miles of roads and trails, expansive utility systems, 106 dams and 604 bridges.

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For 2003-04, appropriations of \$29.6 million are recommended for capital projects from the State Park Infrastructure Fund, a dedicated fund consisting of revenues generated from day use and camping fees at the parks, as well as concession revenues and other miscellaneous revenues. Budget recommendations also include \$7.5 million in Federal appropriations for an anticipated increase in Federal Land and Water Conservation funding and \$5 million in fiduciary appropriations for other potential gifts to improve various parks.

Funding from the State Park Infrastructure Fund will be supplemented with resources for State parks capital projects from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the EPF. In 2003-04 the EPF will provide \$5 million for infrastructure and stewardship projects at State parks and lands operated by the Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since 1995-96, the Office has reorganized functions and consolidated management operations to more effectively provide safe and enjoyable recreational services to the public. These efforts will continue in 2003-04 as the Office achieves efficiencies through the continued streamlining of administrative oversight, redeployment of staff, and consolidation of functions. The Office has also fostered public-private partnerships to enhance park facilities and events, including corporate sponsorships for fireworks displays, playground construction and the Empire State Games. With private sector support and expertise, the Black Course at Bethpage State Park was the first public course ever to host the U.S. Open national golf championship tournament in the summer of 2002, and has been selected to host the tournament again in 2009.

In the 2003 State of the State, the Governor announced the transformation of Gallagher Beach into a new recreational facility for Buffalo and western New York. In 2003-04, the Office will work with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, the current owner of this property, to develop Gallagher Beach into the newest unit of the State Parks system.

The responsibilities of the Office are carried out through five major programs:

- Administration: provides executive direction, fiscal, personnel and audit services, public communications, and management of the Office's capital program;
- Park Operations: operates the State's 167 parks. Seasonal and full-time personnel are assigned to specific facilities in one of the Office's 11 regions. Staff includes security and field operations staff, as well as skilled and semi-skilled maintenance personnel. Day use, golf course, and other user fees directly offset the cost of facility operations;
- Empire State Games: plans and implements the Games for the Physically Challenged, Senior Games, Summer Games and Winter Games;
- 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
- 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)

Category	Available 2002-03	Appropriations Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	162,907,900	161,683,300	(1,224,600)	10,432,000
Aid To Localities	42,927,220	14,240,000	(28,687,220)	31,222,000
Capital Projects	40,840,000	43,305,000	2,465,000	97,665,000
Total	<u>246,675,120</u>	<u>219,228,300</u>	<u>(27,446,820)</u>	<u>139,319,000</u>

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)			
Program	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	81	81	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	137	137	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	15	15	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	1,122	1,060	(62)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10	10	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	73	73	0
Fiduciary Funds	3	2	(1)
Capital Projects Funds - Other	137	137	0
Recreation Services			
General Fund	10	10	0
Total	1,589	1,526	(63)

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

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	107,892,100	92,191,100	(15,701,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,695,800	3,717,000	21,200
Special Revenue Funds - Other	47,521,800	61,953,200	14,431,400
Enterprise Funds	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	1,298,200	1,322,000	23,800
Total	162,907,900	161,683,300	(1,224,600)

Adjustments:	
Prior Year Deficiency	
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of General Fund	620,000
Appropriated 2002-03	163,527,900

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Administration			
General Fund	6,822,200	6,257,900	(564,300)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	10,195,300	9,284,100	(911,200)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,425,800	1,447,000	21,200
Special Revenue Funds - Other	69,800	70,000	200
Fiduciary Funds	42,400	42,000	(400)
Park Operations			
General Fund	88,503,700	74,332,500	(14,171,200)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,770,000	1,770,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	47,452,000	61,883,200	14,431,200
Fiduciary Funds	1,255,800	1,280,000	24,200
Recreation Services			
General Fund	2,370,900	2,316,600	(54,300)
Enterprise Funds	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
Total	162,907,900	161,683,300	(1,224,600)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	4,617,800	(564,300)	4,555,900	(557,400)
Historic Preservation	8,281,500	(411,200)	6,427,200	(320,000)
Park Operations	70,545,200	(9,791,200)	45,436,600	(6,491,200)
Recreation Services	607,100	(54,300)	504,700	(50,000)
Total	<u>84,051,600</u>	<u>(10,821,000)</u>	<u>56,924,400</u>	<u>(7,418,600)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	23,100	(2,500)	38,800	(4,400)
Historic Preservation	1,772,300	(88,500)	82,000	(2,700)
Park Operations	23,170,700	(3,100,000)	1,937,900	(200,000)
Recreation Services	80,900	(3,300)	21,500	(1,000)
Total	<u>25,047,000</u>	<u>(3,194,300)</u>	<u>2,080,200</u>	<u>(208,100)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,640,100	0	121,800	0
Historic Preservation	1,002,600	(500,000)	308,700	(140,000)
Park Operations	3,787,300	(4,380,000)	513,300	(385,000)
Recreation Services	1,709,500	0	250,800	0
Total	<u>8,139,500</u>	<u>(4,880,000)</u>	<u>1,194,600</u>	<u>(525,000)</u>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	95,700	0	1,422,600	0
Historic Preservation	50,900	(25,000)	517,100	(260,000)
Park Operations	466,100	(350,000)	1,851,200	(3,310,000)
Recreation Services	121,800	0	1,322,300	0
Total	<u>734,500</u>	<u>(375,000)</u>	<u>5,113,200</u>	<u>(3,570,000)</u>

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	0	0
Historic Preservation	125,900	(75,000)	0	0
Park Operations	456,700	(335,000)	500,000	0
Recreation Services	14,600	0	0	0
Total	<u>597,200</u>	<u>(410,000)</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	500,000	0	150,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,559,000	21,000	845,400	10,600
Park Operations	64,933,200	14,455,400	23,735,100	6,556,250
Recreation Services	2,500,000	0	0	0
Total	<u>69,492,200</u>	<u>14,476,400</u>	<u>24,730,500</u>	<u>6,566,850</u>

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	350,000	0	0	0
Historic Preservation	713,600	10,400	0	0
Park Operations	39,497,100	8,437,050	1,701,000	(537,900)
Recreation Services	2,500,000	0	0	0
Total	<u>43,060,700</u>	<u>8,447,450</u>	<u>1,701,000</u>	<u>(537,900)</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	32,207,220	2,200,000	(30,007,220)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8,620,000	9,640,000	1,020,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,100,000	2,400,000	300,000
Total	<u>42,927,220</u>	<u>14,240,000</u>	<u>(28,687,220)</u>

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Administration			
General Fund	2,200,000	2,200,000	0
Historic Preservation			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	120,000	140,000	20,000
Natural Heritage Trust			
General Fund	5,202,000	0	(5,202,000)
Park Operations			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,100,000	2,400,000	300,000
Recreation Services			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,500,000	3,500,000	0
Community Projects			
General Fund	24,805,220	0	(24,805,220)
Total	<u>42,927,220</u>	<u>14,240,000</u>	<u>(28,687,220)</u>

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations 2003-04
Parks EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	9,725,000
Natural Heritage Trust				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	300,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	7,500,000	2,500,000	8,352,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	948,000
Fiduciary Funds - Misc. Combined Expendable Trust Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	14,720,000
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	29,640,000	29,605,000	(35,000)	59,158,000
Misc. Capital Projects	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	3,449,000
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund				
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund	0	0	0	230,000
Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Bond Fund				
Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Bond Fund	0	0	0	783,000
Total	<u>40,840,000</u>	<u>43,305,000</u>	<u>2,465,000</u>	<u>97,665,000</u>