

## Environmental Conservation, Department of

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### 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 the Department, such as the operation of landfills and sewage treatment plants, and ensure compliance with State and Federal environmental statutes.

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2021 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$7.8 billion for the DEC. An increase of \$6 billion in new appropriations is almost entirely attributable to the appropriations needed to implement the Restore Mother Nature Bond Act.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 3,162 FTEs for DEC.

Major budget actions include:

- The launching of "Restore Mother Nature", the nation's most aggressive program for significant habitat restoration and flood reduction, funded in part by a \$3 billion environmental bond act. The program will reduce flood risk and revitalize critical fish and wildlife habitats by connecting streams and waterways, right-sizing culverts and dams, restoring freshwater and tidal wetlands, reclaiming natural floodplains, restocking shellfish populations, upgrading fish hatcheries, preserving open space, conserving forest areas, reducing contamination from agricultural and storm water runoff, and expanding renewable energy. Passage of the bond act is dependent on public approval at the general election held in November 2020.
- A new \$500 million appropriation to support additional investments in clean water projects throughout the State. This is the second installment of a commitment providing an additional \$2.5 billion in support over five years for drinking water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality protection. This commitment doubles the State's existing investment of \$2.5 billion in reappropriated funds for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017.
- Appropriations of \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which 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.
- The continued investment of \$55 million for the New York Works statewide capital infrastructure program. This funding will be used to improve access to State lands, rehabilitate campgrounds, and repair and rehabilitate dams, upgrade DEC recreational facilities. Funding will also be used for air monitoring infrastructure investments; remediating legacy environmental contamination; investing in needed information technology; and performing repairs and maintenance required to ensure the safety and viability of state infrastructure, state lands, and fish hatcheries.

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 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 Environmental Conservation Law (ECL).

To conserve natural resources, DEC works to protect fish, wildlife, and marine resources; licenses and

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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 Park.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	459,738,000	464,717,000	4,979,000	361,624,000
Aid To Localities	825,000	0	(825,000)	15,514,000
Capital Projects	1,298,450,000	7,304,350,000	6,005,900,000	6,449,499,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,759,013,000</b>	<b>7,769,067,000</b>	<b>6,010,054,000</b>	<b>6,826,637,000</b>

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

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FTE Change
<b>Administration</b>			
General Fund	122	125	3
Special Revenue Funds - Other	109	109	0
<b>Air and Water Quality Management</b>			
General Fund	174	188	14
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	131	131	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	241	241	0
<b>Environmental Enforcement</b>			
General Fund	348	364	16
Special Revenue Funds - Other	124	124	0
<b>Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources</b>			
General Fund	104	117	13
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	54	54	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	255	255	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	1	1	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	0
<b>Forest and Land Resources</b>			
General Fund	291	292	1
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	97	97	0
<b>Operations</b>			
General Fund	135	135	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	38	38	0
<b>Rehabilitation and Improvement</b>			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	355	355	0
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management</b>			
General Fund	12	12	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	53	53	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	225	225	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	230	230	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>47</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	129,873,000	136,447,000	6,574,000
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	81,198,000	81,198,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	248,572,000	246,977,000	(1,595,000)

<b>Total</b>	<b>459,738,000</b>	<b>464,717,000</b>	<b>4,979,000</b>
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**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available FY 2020</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
General Fund	11,766,000	12,979,000	1,213,000
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,658,000	17,228,000	(430,000)
<b>Air and Water Quality Management</b>			
General Fund	16,914,000	17,703,000	789,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	40,898,000	40,898,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	55,333,000	55,974,000	641,000
<b>Environmental Enforcement</b>			
General Fund	40,378,000	43,342,000	2,964,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29,912,000	29,829,000	(83,000)
<b>Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources</b>			
General Fund	12,991,000	13,991,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	28,000,000	28,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	43,233,000	42,475,000	(758,000)
<b>Forest and Land Resources</b>			
General Fund	28,157,000	28,582,000	425,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	32,125,000	32,592,000	467,000
<b>Operations</b>			
General Fund	17,798,000	17,941,000	143,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,670,000	14,273,000	(397,000)
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management</b>			
General Fund	1,869,000	1,909,000	40,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,300,000	7,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	55,641,000	54,606,000	(1,035,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>459,738,000</b>	<b>464,717,000</b>	<b>4,979,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	11,521,000	1,213,000	11,209,000	1,206,000
Air and Water Quality Management	15,828,000	659,000	15,683,000	654,000
Environmental Enforcement	41,701,000	2,964,000	35,648,000	2,787,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	7,266,000	1,000,000	6,757,000	988,000
Forest and Land Resources	25,904,000	425,000	24,058,000	372,000
Operations	9,842,000	143,000	9,232,000	128,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	1,296,000	40,000	1,117,000	35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,358,000</b>	<b>6,444,000</b>	<b>103,704,000</b>	<b>6,170,000</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	254,000	5,000	58,000	2,000
Air and Water Quality Management	71,000	2,000	74,000	3,000
Environmental Enforcement	445,000	11,000	5,608,000	169,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	443,000	9,000	66,000	3,000
Forest and Land Resources	215,000	5,000	1,631,000	48,000
Operations	423,000	9,000	187,000	6,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	166,000	4,000	13,000	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,017,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>7,637,000</b>	<b>232,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 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	130,000	540,000	65,000
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,089,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>6,436,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>

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	65,000
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>769,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,447,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,437,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	17,323,000	(430,000)	9,079,000	(486,000)
Air and Water Quality Management	96,872,000	641,000	42,536,000	602,502
Environmental Enforcement	29,829,000	(83,000)	13,228,000	(475,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	70,475,000	(758,000)	29,712,000	62,000
Forest and Land Resources	37,592,000	467,000	18,009,000	346,000
Operations	14,273,000	(397,000)	2,950,000	(172,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	61,906,000	(1,035,000)	26,935,000	(440,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,270,000</b>	<b>(1,595,000)</b>	<b>142,449,000</b>	<b>(562,498)</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	8,244,000	56,000
Air and Water Quality Management	54,336,000	38,498
Environmental Enforcement	16,601,000	392,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	40,763,000	(820,000)
Forest and Land Resources	19,583,000	121,000
Operations	11,323,000	(225,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	34,971,000	(595,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,821,000</b>	<b>(1,032,502)</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	825,000	0	(825,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>825,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(825,000)</b>

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Administration			
General Fund	825,000	0	(825,000)

<b>Total</b>	<b>825,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(825,000)</b>
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**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Comprehensive Construction Program</b>	<b>Available FY 2020</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2021</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations FY 2021</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	24,700,000	24,700,000	0	31,776,000
DEC Capital Gifts	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
<b>Air Quality - Clean Water/Clean Air 96</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	27,417,000
<b>Air Resources</b>				
Clean Air Fund	0	0	0	97,000
<b>Air Resources - EQBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,665,000
<b>Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Fund</b>				
Clean Water - Clean Air Bond Fund	0	0	0	109,525,000
<b>Environment and Recreation</b>				
Environmental Protection Fund	300,000,000	300,000,000	0	1,189,526,000
<b>Environmental Protection and Enhancements</b>				
Environmental Protection Fund	0	0	0	4,118,000
<b>Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund</b>				
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund - 1986	0	0	0	45,951,000
<b>Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund</b>				
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund	0	0	0	18,979,000
<b>Environmental Restoration - Clean Water/Clean Air 96</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	21,595,000
<b>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	4,776,000
<b>Fish and Wildlife</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	5,048,000
Hudson River Habitat Restor. Fund	0	0	0	351,000
Habitat Conserv & Access	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,094,000
<b>Lands and Forests</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	43,092,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	28,621,000
Forest Preserve Expansion Fund	0	0	0	110,000
<b>Marine Resources</b>				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	18,754,000
<b>New York Works</b>				
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	55,250,000	55,250,000	0	187,716,000
<b>Operations</b>				



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Capital Projects Fund	19,000,000	26,000,000	7,000,000	51,320,000
Natural Resource Damages Fund	0	0	0	33,517,000
Financial Security Fund	0	0	0	10,359,000
<b>Pure Waters Bond Fund</b>				
Pure Waters Bond Fund	0	0	0	20,568,000
<b>Recreation</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	1,450,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	3,168,000
<b>Restore Mother Nature</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - Restore Mother Nature (Bondable)	0	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	0
<b>Restore Mother Nature Bond Act</b>				
Restore Mother Nature Bond Fund	0	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	0
<b>Solid Waste - Clean Water/Clean Air 96</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	36,000
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	8,178,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	59,979,000
NY Env Protection and Spill Remediation	21,200,000	21,200,000	0	21,196,000
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	57,939,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	2,975,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund	9,100,000	6,000,000	(3,100,000)	92,993,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund - Authority Bonds	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	274,831,000
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - EQBA 86</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	38,475,000
<b>Water Resources</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	7,200,000	8,200,000	1,000,000	30,122,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	5,500,000	5,500,000	0	29,972,000
Cap Proj Fund - State Revolving Fund (Auth Bonds)	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	118,789,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	500,000,000	500,000,000	0	3,196,543,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	175,000,000	175,000,000	0	593,942,000
Federal Stimulus	0	0	0	2,436,000
<b>Water Resources - Clean Water/Clean Air</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	47,111,000
<b>Water Resources - EQBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	2,350,000
<b>Water Resources - PWBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - PWBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,039,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,298,450,000</b>	<b>7,304,350,000</b>	<b>6,005,900,000</b>	<b>6,449,499,000</b>

