

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 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 2022 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$1.8 billion for the DEC. A decrease of \$6 billion in capital appropriations is attributable to the postponement of the Restore Mother Nature Bond Act.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 2,940 FTEs for DEC. This includes seven new FTEs to implement the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Additionally, the Executive Budget realigns the Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) nine FTEs with DEC per Article 43 of Environmental Conservation Law (ECL).

Major budget actions include:

- A new \$500 million appropriation to support additional investments in clean water projects throughout the State. This is the third 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. Fulfillment of this commitment will double 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 plus an additional new \$20 million in New York Works for construction at the Conklingville Dam. 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 (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.

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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 2021	Appropriations Recommended FY 2022	Change From FY 2021	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2022
State Operations	464,717,000	463,303,000	(1,414,000)	392,441,000
Aid To Localities	430,000	0	(430,000)	13,517,000
Capital Projects	7,304,350,000	1,356,350,000	(5,948,000,000)	7,073,243,000
Total	7,769,497,000	1,819,653,000	(5,949,844,000)	7,479,201,000

ALL FUND TYPES

PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM

FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	116	125	9
Special Revenue Funds - Other	100	100	0
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	175	182	7
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	141	141	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	223	223	0
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	265	265	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	114	114	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	109	109	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	260	260	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	1	1	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	0
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	272	272	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	92	92	0
Operations			
General Fund	126	126	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	36	36	0
Rehabilitation and Improvement			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	349	349	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	12	12	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	208	208	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	3	3	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	212	212	0
Total	2,924	2,940	16

STATE OPERATIONS

ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE

APPROPRIATIONS

(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
General Fund	136,447,000	133,750,000	(2,697,000)
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	81,198,000	82,198,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	246,977,000	247,260,000	283,000

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Total	464,717,000	463,303,000	(1,414,000)
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**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
Administration			
General Fund	12,979,000	12,531,000	(448,000)
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,228,000	17,228,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	17,703,000	18,353,000	650,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	40,898,000	41,898,000	1,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	55,974,000	55,185,000	(789,000)
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	43,342,000	42,072,000	(1,270,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29,829,000	29,345,000	(484,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	13,991,000	13,738,000	(253,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	28,000,000	28,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	42,475,000	43,283,000	808,000
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	28,582,000	27,620,000	(962,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	32,592,000	32,312,000	(280,000)
Lake George Park Commission			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	2,052,000	2,052,000
Operations			
General Fund	17,941,000	17,572,000	(369,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,273,000	14,156,000	(117,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	1,909,000	1,864,000	(45,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,300,000	7,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	54,606,000	53,699,000	(907,000)
Total	464,717,000	463,303,000	(1,414,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2022 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	11,073,000	(448,000)	10,761,000	(448,000)
Air and Water Quality Management	16,478,000	650,000	16,333,000	650,000
Environmental Enforcement	40,431,000	(1,270,000)	34,378,000	(1,270,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	7,013,000	(253,000)	6,504,000	(253,000)
Forest and Land Resources	24,942,000	(962,000)	23,096,000	(962,000)
Operations	9,473,000	(369,000)	8,863,000	(369,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	1,251,000	(45,000)	1,072,000	(45,000)
Total	110,661,000	(2,697,000)	101,007,000	(2,697,000)

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	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	443,000	0	66,000	0
Forest and Land Resources	215,000	0	1,631,000	0
Operations	423,000	0	187,000	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	166,000	0	13,000	0
Total	2,017,000	0	7,637,000	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2022 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 2022 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	17,323,000	0	9,079,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	97,083,000	211,000	40,771,000	(1,765,000)
Environmental Enforcement	29,345,000	(484,000)	12,744,000	(484,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	71,283,000	808,000	29,020,000	(692,000)
Forest and Land Resources	37,312,000	(280,000)	17,729,000	(280,000)
Lake George Park Commission	2,052,000	2,052,000	723,000	723,000
Operations	14,156,000	(117,000)	2,833,000	(117,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	60,999,000	(907,000)	26,028,000	(907,000)
Total	329,553,000	1,283,000	138,927,000	(3,522,000)

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	8,244,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	56,312,000	1,976,000
Environmental Enforcement	16,601,000	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	42,263,000	1,500,000
Forest and Land Resources	19,583,000	0
Lake George Park Commission	1,329,000	1,329,000
Operations	11,323,000	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	34,971,000	0
Total	190,626,000	4,805,000

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
General Fund	430,000	0	(430,000)
Total	430,000	0	(430,000)

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

Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change
Administration			
General Fund	430,000	0	(430,000)
Total	430,000	0	(430,000)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2021	Recommended FY 2022	Change	Reappropriations FY 2022
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	24,700,000	24,700,000	0	40,163,000
EnCon Capital Misc Gifts	1,000,000	0	(1,000,000)	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 Bond Fund				
Clean Water - Clean Air Bond Fund	0	0	0	109,525,000
Environment and Recreation				
Environmental Protection Fund	300,000,000	300,000,000	0	1,271,101,000
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	45,951,000
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				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	7,329,000
Fish and Wildlife				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	4,639,000
Hudson River Habitat Restor. Fund	0	0	0	37,000
Habitat Conserv & Access	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,626,000

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Lands and Forests				
Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000	43,911,000
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	10,000,000	0	27,259,000
New York Works				
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	55,250,000	75,250,000	20,000,000	206,360,000
Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	26,000,000	24,500,000	(1,500,000)	58,734,000
Natural Resource Damages Fund	0	26,000,000	26,000,000	32,387,000
Financial Security Fund	0	0	0	10,137,000
Pure Waters Bond Fund				
Pure Waters Bond Fund	0	0	0	20,568,000
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	1,016,000
Restore Mother Nature				
Capital Projects Fund - Restore Mother Nature (Bondable)	3,000,000,000	0	(3,000,000,000)	0
Restore Mother Nature Bond Act				
Restore Mother Nature Bond Fund	3,000,000,000	0	(3,000,000,000)	0
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	10,779,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	59,046,000
NY Env Protection and Spill Remediation	21,200,000	21,200,000	0	22,245,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	62,572,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	559,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	94,175,000
Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund - Authority Bonds	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	290,621,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	38,260,000
Water Resources				
Capital Projects Fund	8,200,000	15,700,000	7,500,000	33,264,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	5,500,000	5,500,000	0	37,201,000
Cap Proj Fund - State Revolving Fund (Auth Bonds)	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	118,714,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	500,000,000	500,000,000	0	3,519,458,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	175,000,000	175,000,000	0	593,567,000
Federal Stimulus	0	0	0	2,436,000
Water Resources - Clean Water/Clean Air				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	49,170,000

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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	7,304,350,000	1,356,350,000	(5,948,000,000)	7,073,243,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/19/2021