

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Summary of FY 2022-23 Enacted
Public Act 166 of 2022 (House Bill 5783, Article 11)

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	FY 2021-22 YTD as of 2/9/22	FY 2022-23 Enacted	Difference: Enacted From FY 2021-22 YTD	
			Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$203,100	\$203,100	\$0	0.0
Federal	91,291,300	93,630,000	2,338,700	2.6
Local	0	0	0	--
Private	7,039,200	7,039,200	0	0.0
Restricted	317,195,300	340,206,500	23,011,200	7.3
GF/GP	48,612,500	94,404,000	45,791,500	94.2
Gross	\$464,341,400	\$535,482,800	\$71,141,400	15.3
FTEs	2,360.9	2,418.8	57.9	2.5

Notes:

- (1) FY 2021-22 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 9, 2022.
- (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages Michigan's natural and cultural resources through conservation and protection. State parks, wildlife, fisheries, forests, and minerals management are all administered by DNR.

		FY 2021-22 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/22)	FY 2022-23 Enacted Change
Major Budget Changes from FY 2021-22 YTD Appropriations			
1. State Fish Hatchery Upgrades and Improvements (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$30,000,000
Appropriates \$30.0 million GF/GP for biosecurity, equipment, and infrastructure updates at state fish hatcheries including expansion of facilities and fish production at the Wolf Lake hatchery in Van Buren County.	GF/GP	NA	\$30,000,000
2. Equipment Lifecycle Replacement (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$11,550,000
Appropriates \$11.6 million Gross (\$10.0 GF/GP) to replace aging equipment and vehicles in multiple DNR divisions including Fisheries, Forest Resources, and Law Enforcement.	Restricted	NA	1,550,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$10,000,000
3. Great Lakes Research Vessel (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$4,000,000
Appropriates \$4.0 million GF/GP to replace an aging Great Lakes Survey Vessel.	GF/GP	NA	\$4,000,000
4. Wildfire Protection	FTE	115.0	0.0
Appropriates \$751,900 GF/GP to expand wildfire prevention and protection by funding staff overtime and vacancies.	Gross	\$15,030,900	\$751,900
	Federal	1,370,200	0
	Restricted	7,212,500	0
	GF/GP	\$6,448,200	\$751,900
5. Fisheries Resource Management	FTE	158.0	4.0
Appropriates \$652,800 GF/GP and authorizes 4.0 FTE positions to improve state and tribal relations in the co-management of fisheries.	Gross	\$21,714,000	\$652,800
	Federal	4,382,400	0
	Private	136,700	0
	Restricted	16,653,200	0
	GF/GP	\$541,700	\$652,800

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6. Archives of Michigan Digitization (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$485,000
Appropriates \$485,000 GF/GP to digitize and index decaying physical historical records.	GF/GP	NA	\$485,000
7. Parks and Recreation Division Employee Initiatives	FTE	NA	40.8
Appropriates \$9.2 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 40.8 FTE positions for division employee recruitment and retention initiatives, including increases in work hours and wages.	Gross	NA	\$9,159,700
	Restricted	NA	9,159,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
8. Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvements	FTE	NA	13.1
Appropriates an additional \$3.1 million of available restricted revenue and authorizes 13.1 FTE positions to support trail improvement grants and law enforcement across Michigan's ORV system.	Gross	NA	\$3,059,900
	Restricted	NA	3,059,900
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
9. State Parks Improvement Revenue Bonds – Debt Service	Gross	\$1,201,800	(\$1,201,800)
Eliminates \$1.2 million from the Park Improvement Fund as no debt payments are required after FY 2021-22.	Restricted	1,201,800	(1,201,800)
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
10. Parks and Recreation Division Campsite and Harbor Operations	Gross	NA	\$2,820,000
Appropriates \$2.8 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund to increase funding for state campsites and harbors.	Restricted	NA	2,820,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
11. Pay Increases for Recruitment and Retention of Short-Term Employees	Gross	NA	\$2,531,100
Appropriates \$2.5 million Gross to provide pay increases for short-term employees in fisheries, shooting ranges, and cultural centers.	Federal	NA	130,100
	Restricted	NA	2,401,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
12. Marketing and Outreach	FTE	137.3	0.0
Appropriates \$297,800 in available restricted revenue to align spending authorization with available Youth Hunting and Fishing Education and Outreach funding, to support the increased online credit card processing of hunting and fishing licenses, and to support maintenance of the MiConnect Outdoors license sales system.	Gross	\$14,705,400	\$297,800
	Federal	1,721,600	0
	Restricted	12,682,400	297,800
	GF/GP	\$301,400	\$0
13. Wildlife Management	FTE	221.5	0.0
Appropriates \$100,000 in available restricted revenue to align spending authorization with available Pheasant Hunting License fee revenue.	Gross	\$46,042,300	\$100,000
	Federal	25,638,700	0
	Private	315,700	0
	Restricted	15,635,300	100,000
	GF/GP	\$4,452,600	\$0
14. Capital Outlay – State Parks Repair and Maintenance	Gross	\$16,100,000	\$3,100,000
Appropriates \$3.1 million in available restricted revenue from Recreation Passport Fees for state park infrastructure maintenance, renovation, and upgrades.	Restricted	14,600,000	3,100,000
	GF/GP	\$1,500,000	\$0
15. Capital Outlay – State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure	Gross	NA	\$1,400,000
Establishes new appropriation of \$1.1 million in federal funds and \$350,000 from the Game and Fish Protection Fund for facility improvements and wildlife restoration projects at state game areas.	Federal	NA	1,050,000
	Restricted	NA	350,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
16. Capital Outlay – State Boating Infrastructure Maintenance	Gross	\$7,752,500	\$1,100,000
Appropriates \$1.1 million in available federal and Michigan State Waterways funding for facility maintenance and infrastructure projects at state harbors and boating access sites.	Federal	1,075,000	400,000
	Restricted	6,677,500	700,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

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17. Capital Outlay – Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition	Gross	NA	\$1,000,000
	Restricted	NA	1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
Reestablishes appropriation of \$1.0 million from Waterfowl Hunt Stamp revenue to facilitate access for public recreation in wetland areas. This program was last funded in FY 2020-21.			
18. Capital Outlay – Local Boating Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvements	Gross	\$3,322,500	\$300,000
	Restricted	3,322,500	300,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
Appropriates \$300,000 in available Michigan State Waterways funding for local grants for facility maintenance and infrastructure projects at publicly-accessible local harbors and boating access sites.			
19. Removal of FY 2021-22 One-Time Funding	Gross	\$7,995,800	(\$7,995,800)
	Restricted	6,000,000	(6,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$1,995,800	(\$1,995,800)
Removes \$8.0 million Gross (\$2.0 million GF/GP) for one-time projects included in the FY 2021-22 budget. Projects included Fish Hatchery Energy Efficiencies and Kalamazoo River Watershed Improvements.			
20. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers	Gross	NA	\$1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,000,000
Appropriates \$400,000 GF/GP on a one-time basis and \$600,000 GF/GP on an ongoing basis for the provision of body cameras for conservation officers.			
21. Michigan Historical Center	Gross	\$7,071,500	\$850,000
	Federal	1,013,900	0
	Restricted	1,215,200	850,000
	GF/GP	\$4,842,400	\$0
Appropriates \$850,000 in available restricted funding for historical and cultural education programming throughout the state park system.			
22. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$6,180,800
	Federal	NA	758,600
	Restricted	NA	4,524,600
	GF/GP	NA	\$897,600
Reflects increased costs of \$6.2 million Gross (\$897,600 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1, 2022 and 0.5% to annualize the FY 2021-22 1.0% increase that began on April 1, 2022), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments.			

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2021-22

Sec. 206. Disciplinary Action Against State Employees – RETAINED (UNENFORCEABLE)

Prohibits department from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the legislature and their staffs, unless communication is prohibited by law. *(Governor's signing letter states this section is unenforceable.)*

Sec. 217. Expending Available Work Project Authorization – RETAINED (UNENFORCEABLE)

Advises department not to expend appropriations until existing work project authorization for the same purpose has been expended. *(Governor's signing letter states this section is unenforceable.)*

Sec. 218. Remote Working – NEW

States legislative intent to prioritize in-person work for the state's workforce where possible unless they were working remotely prior to February 28, 2020.

Sec. 219. State Administrative Board Transfers – RETAINED (UNENFORCEABLE)

Authorizes legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers appropriated funds. *(Governor's signing letter states this section is unenforceable.)*

Sec. 241. Incident Management Team Notification – NEW

Requires department to notify local legislators when Incident Management Team has been activated in their district.

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Sec. 507. Antlerless Deer License Discounts – DELETED

Permits department to discount antlerless deer licenses in the northeast Lower Peninsula to achieve deer management objectives; earmarks up to \$505,000 of funding for wildlife management to supplant lost revenue that would otherwise be collected from full-price antlerless deer licenses sold in the northeast Lower Peninsula; permits department to terminate the license discount once lost revenue reaches \$505,000. If lost revenue does not exceed \$505,000 by February 1 then the department is required to end the discount and allocate remaining funding to the Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative.

Sec. 601. Stream Habitat Improvement Grant – DELETED

Appropriates \$758,000 to watershed councils, resource development councils, soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other nonprofit organizations for stream habitat improvement projects.

Sec. 602. Water Control Structure Certification – DELETED

Directs Fisheries Division to not interfere with certification process for dams and other water control structures.

Sec. 803. Federal Forest Fire Compact Expenditure Authorization – REVISED

Authorizes expenditure of funds for forest fire suppression efforts on federal lands, provided DNR is reimbursed. Revised to add hazard incidents as allowable expenditure.

Sec. 903. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers – NEW

Directs expenditure of funding for body cameras for conservation officers.

Sec. 1202. Kalamazoo River Watershed Improvements – Capital Outlay – DELETED

Directs expenditure of funding for Kalamazoo River watershed improvements in accordance with the Kalamazoo River Supplemental Restoration Plan.

Sec. 1202. Work Project – Great Lakes Research Vessel – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds appropriated for Great Lakes Research Vessel to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to replace and upgrade the Lake Michigan survey vessel.

Sec. 1203. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers, One-Time – NEW

Directs expenditure of one-time funding for body cameras for conservation officers.

FY 2021-22 Supplemental Appropriation Items

Public Act 166 of 2022 (House Bill 5783, Article 15)

1. Departmentwide Fuel Costs

Appropriates \$845,400 GF/GP to support increased fuel costs resulting from a fuel surcharge assessed by DTMB Vehicle and Transportation Services due to rising gasoline prices. Affected DNR programs include Wildlife Management, Fish Production, Fisheries Resource Management, Law Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Forest Management and Timber Market Development, and Wildfire Protection.

	Gross	\$845,400
GF/GP		\$845,400

2. Pay Increases for Recruitment and Retention of Short-Term Employees

Appropriates \$6.3 million in available federal and restricted revenue to provide pay increases for short-term employees in fisheries, parks and recreation facilities, and cultural centers.

	Gross	\$6,369,500
Federal		106,300
Restricted		6,263,200
GF/GP		\$0

3. Shooting Range Development, Enhancement, and Restoration (One-Time)

Appropriates \$7.7 million in available federal funding for maintenance of shooting ranges throughout the state.

	Gross	\$7,650,000
Federal		7,650,000
GF/GP		\$0