



# Department of Environmental Quality

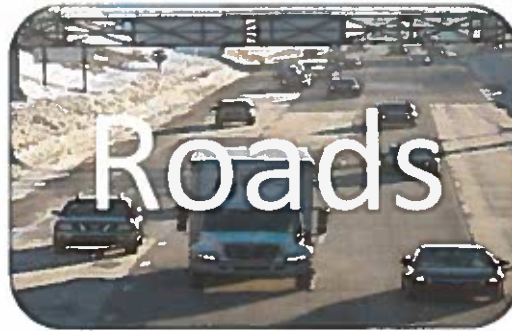
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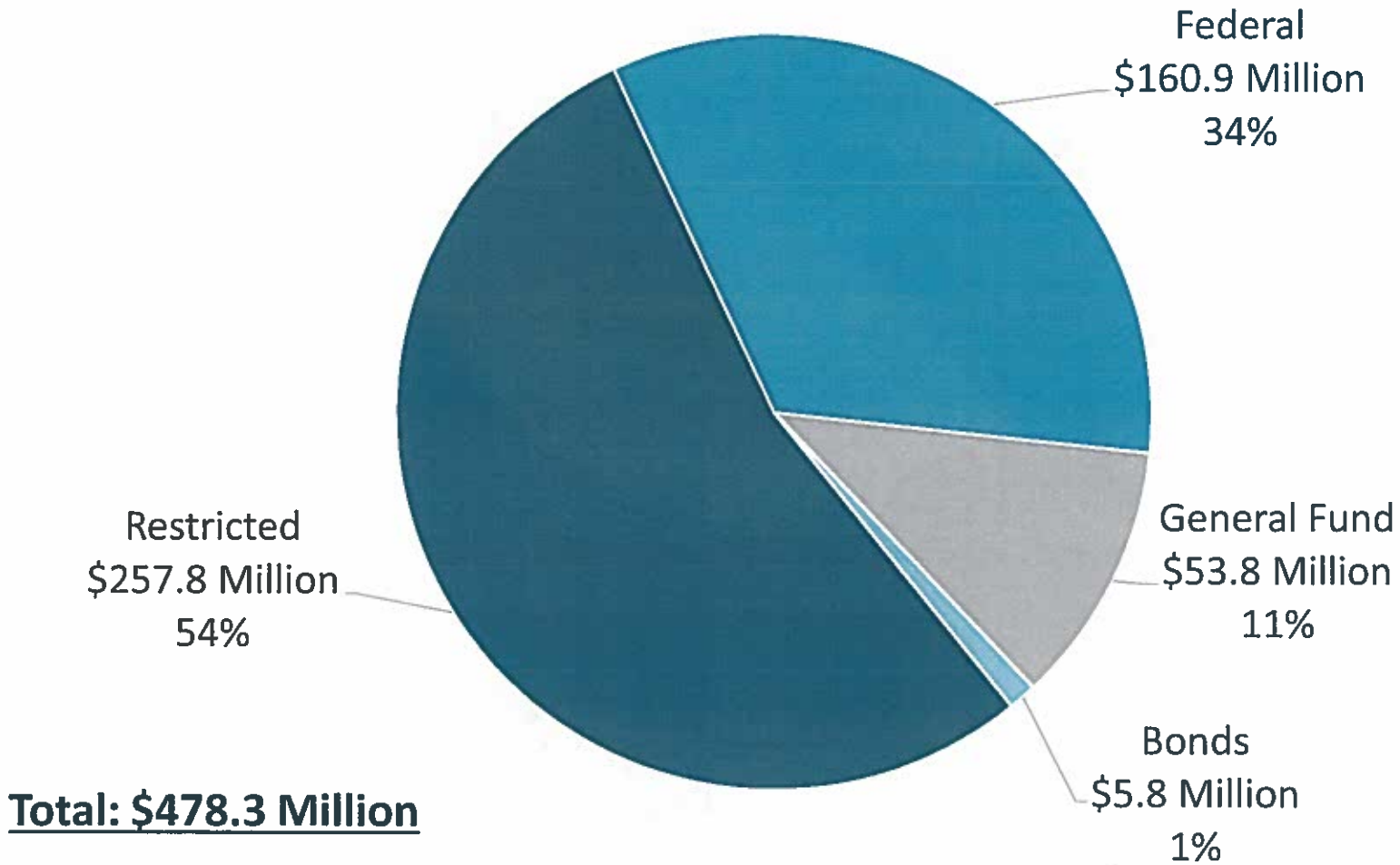
House Natural Resources and Environmental Quality  
Subcommittee on Appropriations

# Road to Opportunity





# 2020 DEQ Proposed Budget



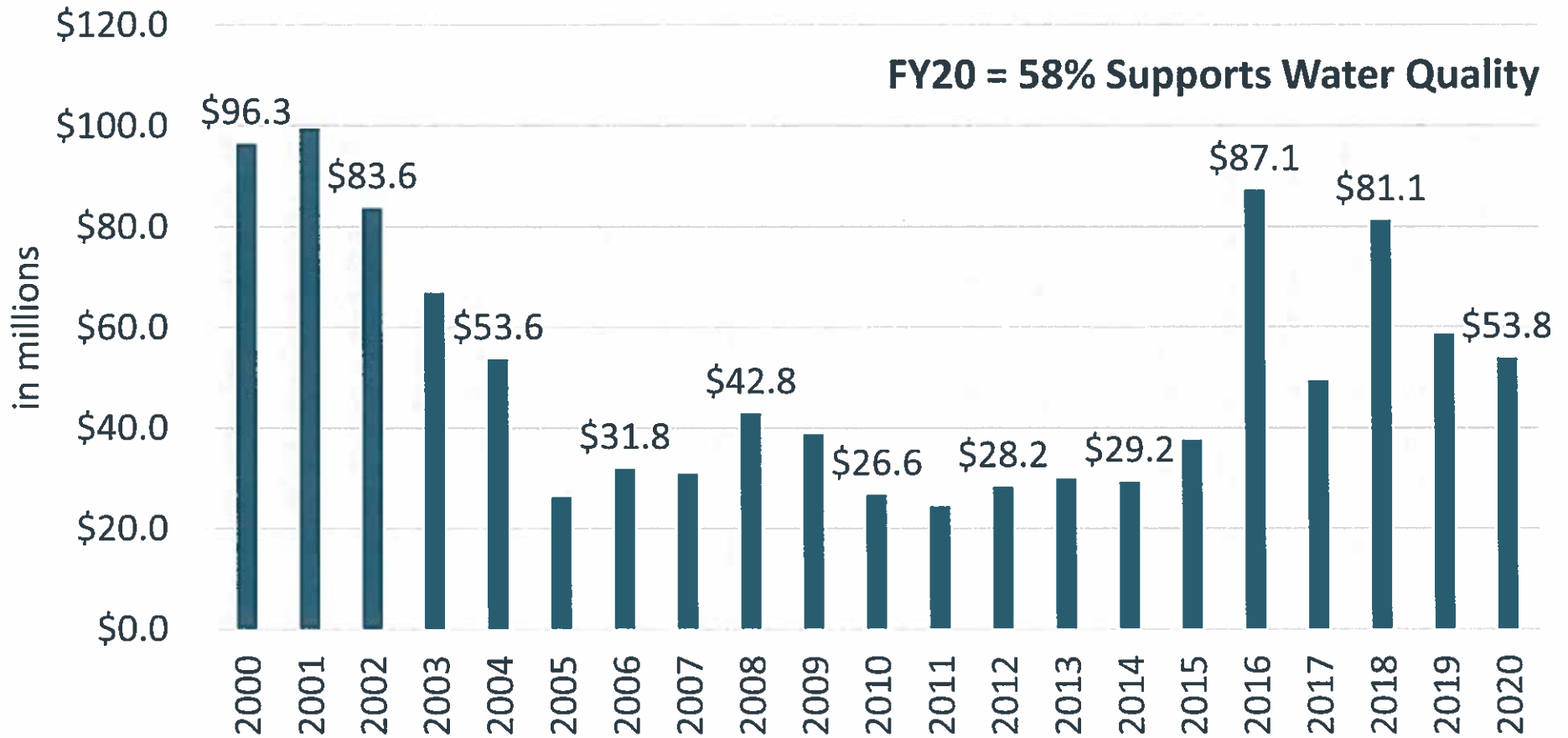
5% Decrease from 2019

# State General Fund Change



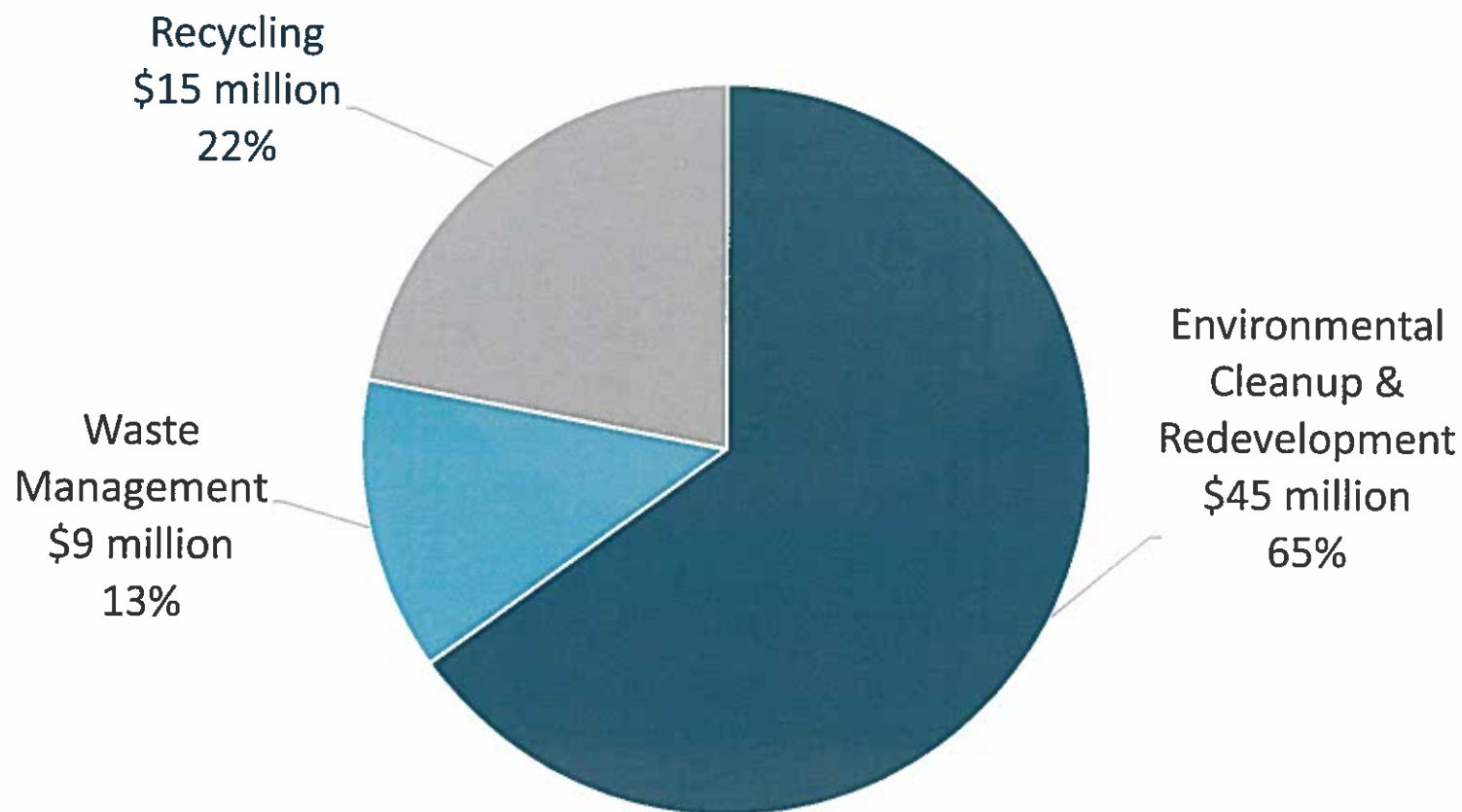
Same Level as 20 Years Ago

# DEQ General Fund Change



44% Reduction in 20 Years

# Renew Michigan's Environment Fund



**Total: \$69 Million**

# Executive Budget Recommendation

- Addressing Fee Sunsets
- Enhancing Information Technology
- Providing Drinking Water Compliance Assistance
- Supporting Drinking Water Infrastructure Upgrades

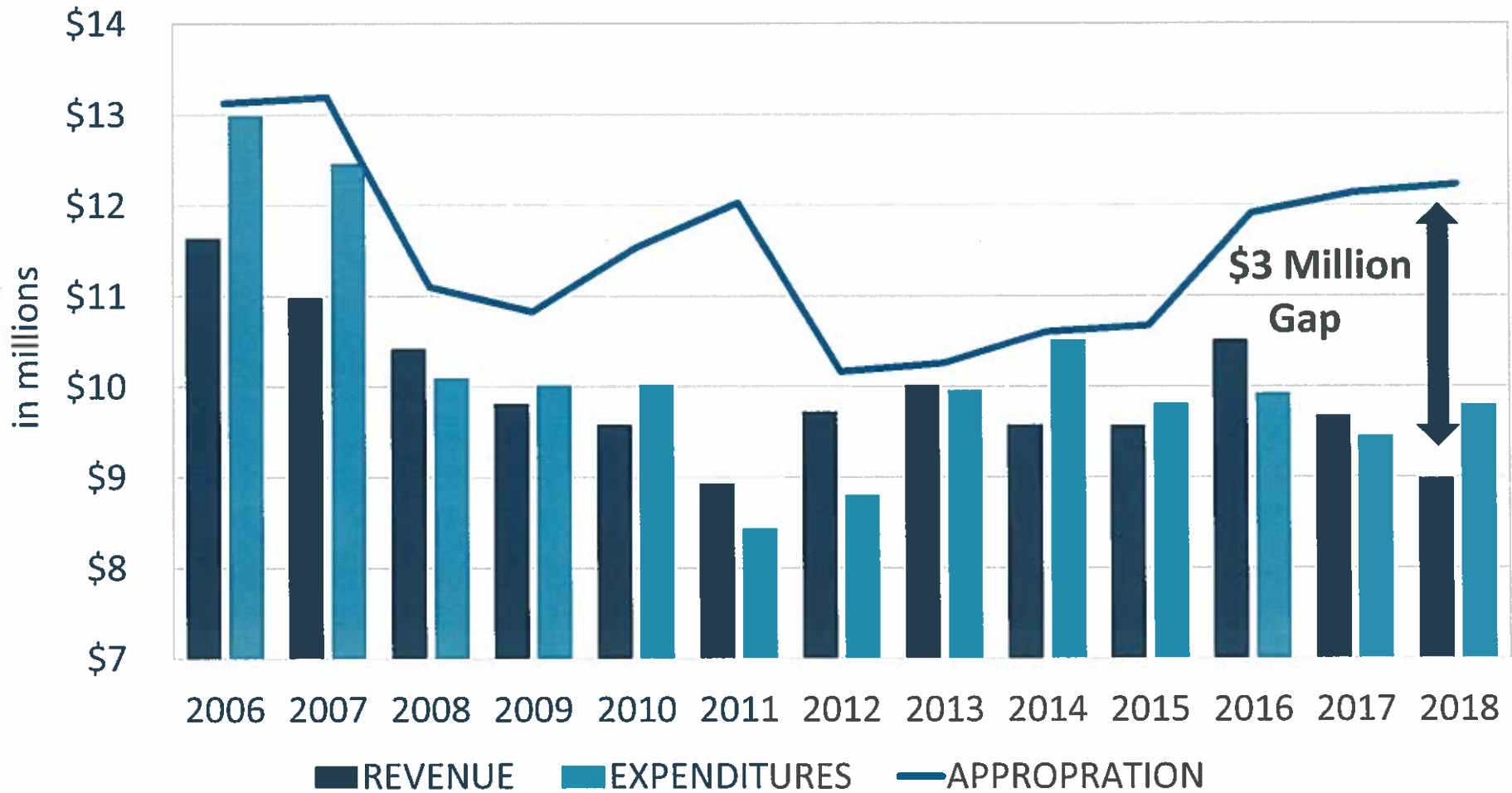
## Protecting the Environment and Public Health



# Sunseting Fees

- 14 fees sunseting by 2020
- Generates \$27 million in revenue
- Proposal
  - Maintain fee rates for 13 of 14 fees
  - Eliminate sunset dates for all sunsets (14 in 2020, 6 in future years)
  - Add economics adjustment every 3 years
  - Increase air fee to align revenue with appropriation level

# Air Emissions Fee



# Information Technology

- DTMB Information Technology Investment Fund (ITIF)
- Two projects selected for funding
  - Air quality program \$8.1 million
  - Water program \$1.7 million
- Projects modernize legacy systems and enhance service delivery



# Information Technology for Air

- Michigan Air Reporting and Information System (MARIS)
- Consolidates 8 existing systems
- Enhances electronic communication with industry
- Creates public portal for data transparency



# Information Technology for Water

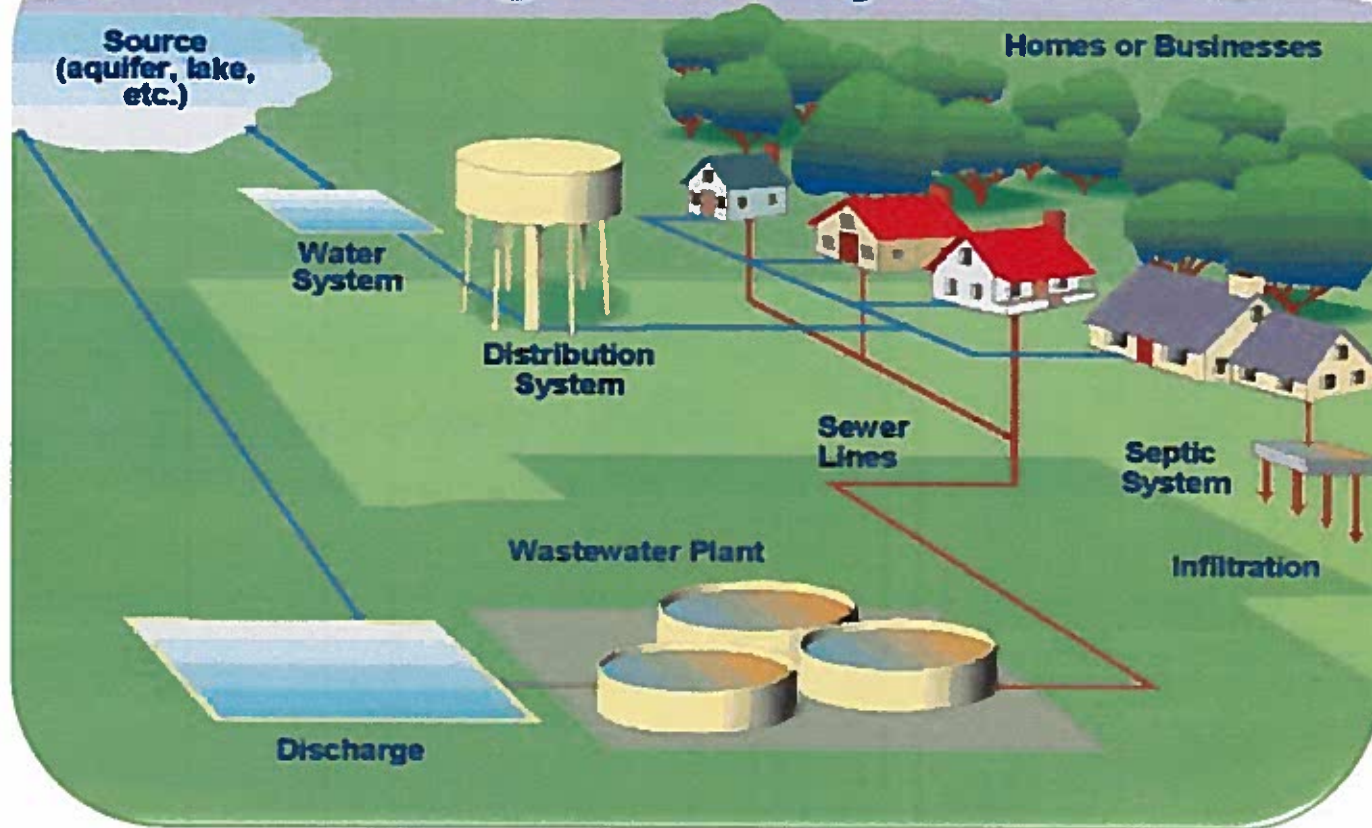
- Enhancements to MiWaters web based system
- Improves accessibility of data to public
- Supports record retention process
- Improves security and assures compliance



# Drinking Water Compliance Assistance

- Enhanced lead and copper rule became effective June 2018
- Designed to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper in drinking water
- \$1.9 million and 10 FTE for FY20 to implement rule

# The Drinking Water Cycle



Goal: Assure protection of public health by addressing water infrastructure needs.

# 2018 Lead Service Line Pilot Grant Program



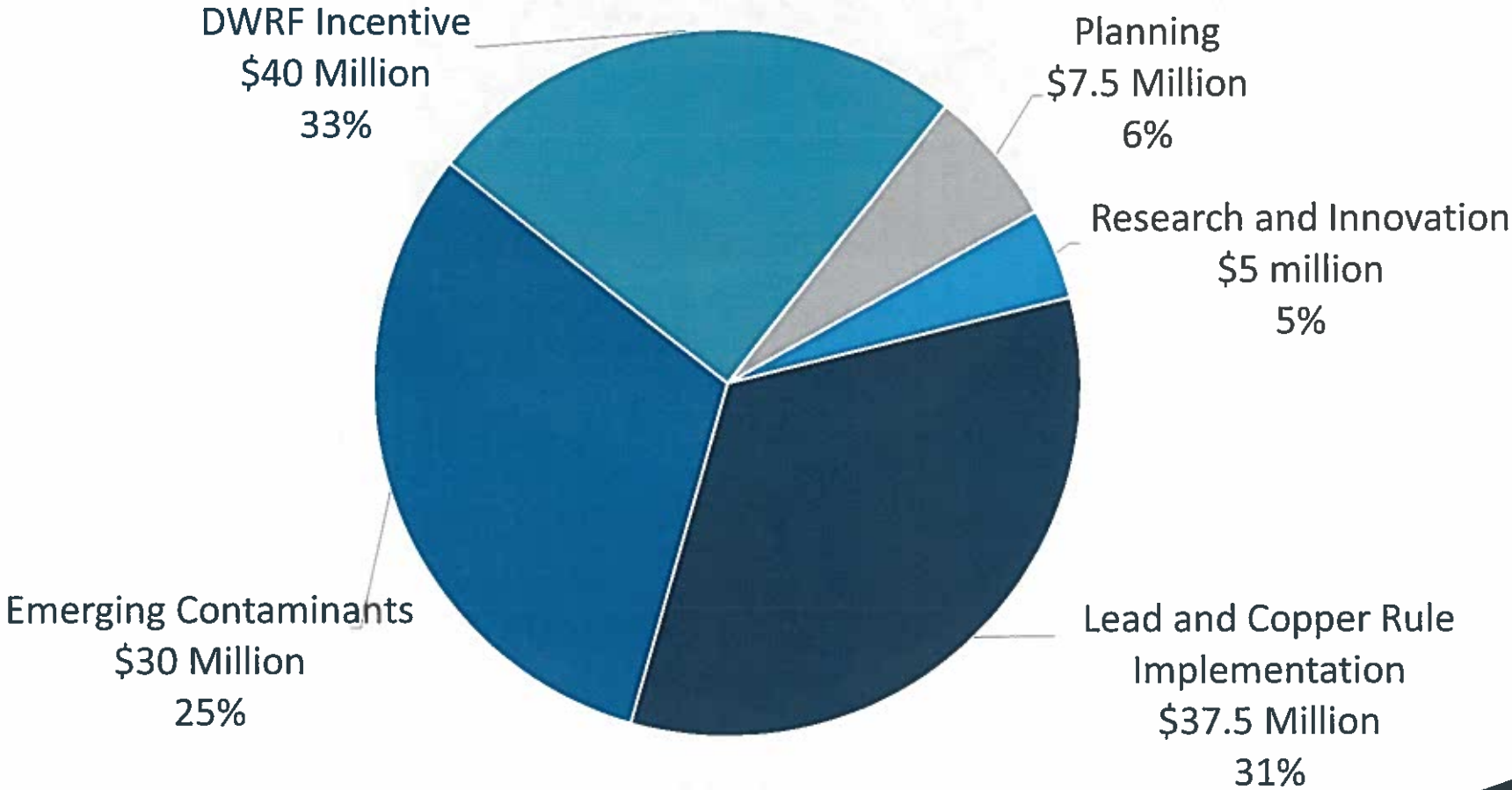


# 2019 Drinking Water Infrastructure Pilot Grant Program

- \$4 million grant program
- Supports private well connections to community systems for those impacted by PFAS
- Grants capped at \$2 million



# Supplemental Request 2019-4 Drinking Water Infrastructure



**Total: \$120 Million**

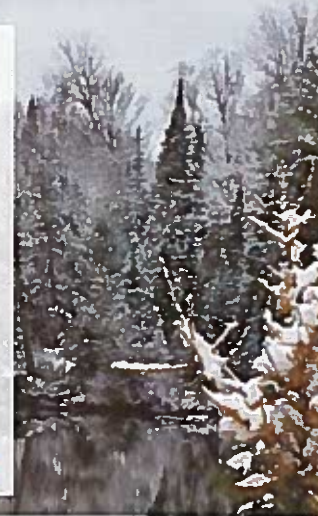
# Executive Order 2019-6

- Establishes Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) effective April 22, 2019
- Transfers the Michigan Agency for Energy to EGLE
  - Budget: Portion of \$7.1 million budget
  - FTEs: Portion of 26 FTEs
- Transfers the Office of the Great Lakes to EGLE
  - Budget: \$12 million
  - FTEs: 23
- 2020 budget revision forthcoming

# Moving Forward

- Continue water infrastructure pilot program and modify program based on lessons learned
- Ongoing coordination with stakeholders on air fee proposal
- Partner with LARA, DNR, and SBO on budget revision submission for Executive Order
- Continual protection of the environment and public health

### Introducing MI Environment



### RECENT ARTICLES

#### Public information meeting held in Grand Rapids regarding Viant Medical, Inc.

March 8, 2019



residing or working in a Grand Rapids neighborhood.

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and their partners, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Kent County Health Department (KCHD), hosted a community meeting for concerned citizens

#### Investing in Clean Drinking Water

March 7, 2019



While Michigan residents are able to easily see the conditions of Michigan roads, the condition of Michigan's drinking water infrastructure is less noticeable.

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# Questions

