

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

The Department is headed by a Commissioner, appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation. The Department'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. Consistent with policy and management direction from the Central Office, 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 2019 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$1.2 billion for the Department. A decrease of \$2.6 billion in new appropriations is attributable primarily to one time funding for the \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, which will continue in the FY 2019 Executive Budget as a reappropriation.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 2,945 FTEs for the Department, the same level as FY 2018.

Major budget actions include:

- \$2.5 billion in reappropriated funds for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017. This program will continue to finance drinking water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, and source water protection to ensure clean water for all New Yorkers;
- 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;
- Investment of \$40 million for the New York Works statewide capital infrastructure program. This funding will be used to improve access to State lands, rehabilitate campgrounds, and 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, including dams, 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

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) manages a diverse array of programs and activities. DEC's functions 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 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, and developing programs to empower agencies, organizations,

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and individuals to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases 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 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	450,136,000	447,759,000	(2,377,000)	452,862,000
Aid To Localities	1,210,000	0	(1,210,000)	16,618,200
Capital Projects	3,434,400,000	796,400,000	(2,638,000,000)	6,034,130,000
Total	3,885,746,000	1,244,159,000	(2,641,587,000)	6,503,610,200

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

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	86	86	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	132	132	0
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	178	178	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	156	156	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	235	235	0
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	248	308	60
Special Revenue Funds - Other	184	124	(60)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	64	64	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	249	249	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	0
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	249	249	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8	8	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	97	97	0
Operations			
General Fund	114	114	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	44	44	0
Rehabilitation and Improvement			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	290	290	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	9	9	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	41	41	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250	250	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	8	8	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	246	246	0
Total	2,945	2,945	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	119,343,000	124,438,000	5,095,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	81,198,000	81,198,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	249,500,000	242,028,000	(7,472,000)
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Total	450,136,000	447,759,000	(2,377,000)

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
General Fund	8,728,000	10,355,000	1,627,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	16,679,000	17,728,000	1,049,000
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	16,352,000	17,684,000	1,332,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	40,898,000	40,898,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	50,403,000	52,739,000	2,336,000
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	32,082,000	40,404,000	8,322,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	37,415,000	24,315,000	(13,100,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	13,630,000	11,483,000	(2,147,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	28,000,000	28,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	41,051,000	42,500,000	1,449,000
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	25,496,000	26,036,000	540,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29,494,000	31,398,000	1,904,000
Operations			
General Fund	21,267,000	16,655,000	(4,612,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,983,000	14,425,000	442,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	1,788,000	1,821,000	33,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,300,000	7,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	60,475,000	58,923,000	(1,552,000)
Total	450,136,000	447,759,000	(2,377,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	8,897,000	1,598,000	8,570,000	1,525,000
Air and Water Quality Management	15,939,000	1,300,000	15,804,000	1,291,000
Environmental Enforcement	38,903,000	8,305,000	33,109,000	5,981,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	4,758,000	235,000	3,995,000	139,000
Forest and Land Resources	23,358,000	488,000	21,557,000	372,000
Operations	8,556,000	(4,776,000)	7,329,000	(4,841,000)
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	1,208,000	19,000	1,039,000	10,000
Total	101,619,000	7,169,000	91,403,000	4,477,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	273,000	62,000	54,000	11,000
Air and Water Quality Management	67,000	4,000	68,000	5,000
Environmental Enforcement	513,000	431,000	5,281,000	1,893,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	703,000	84,000	60,000	12,000
Forest and Land Resources	265,000	14,000	1,536,000	102,000
Operations	1,052,000	53,000	175,000	12,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	158,000	8,000	11,000	1,000
Total	3,031,000	656,000	7,185,000	2,036,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,458,000	29,000	300,000	8,000
Air and Water Quality Management	1,745,000	32,000	475,000	9,000
Environmental Enforcement	1,501,000	17,000	377,000	7,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	6,725,000	(2,382,000)	1,003,000	22,000
Forest and Land Resources	2,678,000	52,000	540,000	11,000
Operations	8,099,000	164,000	3,574,000	83,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	613,000	14,000	102,000	2,000
Total	22,819,000	(2,074,000)	6,371,000	142,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	89,000	2,000	990,000	17,000
Air and Water Quality Management	109,000	2,000	1,087,000	19,000
Environmental Enforcement	51,000	1,000	1,029,000	8,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	61,000	1,000	5,599,000	(2,406,000)
Forest and Land Resources	149,000	3,000	1,913,000	36,000
Operations	289,000	5,000	3,139,000	57,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	21,000	1,000	485,000	10,000
Total	769,000	15,000	14,242,000	(2,259,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	79,000	2,000
Air and Water Quality Management	74,000	2,000
Environmental Enforcement	44,000	1,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	62,000	1,000
Forest and Land Resources	76,000	2,000
Operations	1,097,000	19,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	5,000	1,000
Total	1,437,000	28,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	17,823,000	1,049,000	9,600,000	477,000
Air and Water Quality Management	93,637,000	2,336,000	40,921,000	906,000
Environmental Enforcement	24,315,000	(13,100,000)	10,733,000	(8,352,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	70,500,000	1,449,000	30,048,000	488,000
Forest and Land Resources	36,398,000	1,904,000	17,171,000	874,000
Operations	14,425,000	442,000	3,019,000	118,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	66,223,000	(1,552,000)	28,881,000	880,000
Total	323,321,000	(7,472,000)	140,373,000	(4,609,000)

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	8,223,000	572,000	0	0
Air and Water Quality Management	50,616,000	1,430,000	2,100,000	0
Environmental Enforcement	13,582,000	(4,748,000)	0	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	40,452,000	961,000	0	0
Forest and Land Resources	19,227,000	1,030,000	0	0
Operations	11,406,000	324,000	0	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	37,342,000	(2,432,000)	0	0
Total	180,848,000	(2,863,000)	2,100,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	1,210,000	0	(1,210,000)
Total	1,210,000	0	(1,210,000)

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Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
General Fund	1,210,000	0	(1,210,000)
Total	1,210,000	0	(1,210,000)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change	Reappropriations FY 2019
Marine Resources				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)	18,657,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	4,545,000
Air Resources - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,665,000
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund				
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund - 1986	0	0	0	55,577,000
Water Resources - PWBA				
Capital Projects Fund - PWBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,039,000
Solid Waste Management				
Capital Projects Fund	500,000	4,500,000	4,000,000	1,820,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	30,000,000	30,000,000	46,879,000
NY Env Protection and Spill Remediation	21,200,000	21,200,000	0	18,763,000
Environmental Protection and Enhancements				
Environmental Protection Fund	0	0	0	4,231,000
Environment and Recreation				
Environmental Protection Fund	300,000,000	300,000,000	0	1,043,053,000
Fish and Wildlife				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	5,668,000
Hudson River Habitat Restor. Fund	0	0	0	351,000
Habitat Conserv & Access	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,420,000
Lands and Forests				
Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	40,134,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	18,621,000
Forest Preserve Expansion Fund	0	0	0	110,000
Water Resources - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	2,350,000
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	500,000	17,000,000	16,500,000	10,202,000
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund				

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Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund	0	0	0	23,500,000
Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Fund				
Clean Water - Clean Air Bond Fund	0	0	0	118,940,000
New York Works				
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	70,000,000	40,000,000	(30,000,000)	189,729,000
Pure Waters Bond Fund				
Pure Waters Bond Fund	0	0	0	20,568,000
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund	500,000	0	(500,000)	2,285,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	3,168,000
Solid Waste Management - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	4,231,000
Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	17,000,000	18,000,000	1,000,000	50,904,000
Natural Resource Damages Fund	0	0	0	36,682,000
Financial Security Fund	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)	10,767,000
Water Resources				
Capital Projects Fund	5,700,000	7,700,000	2,000,000	28,766,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	23,288,000
Cap Proj Fund - State Revolving Fund (Auth Bonds)	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	113,489,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	2,651,000,000	0	(2,651,000,000)	2,988,000,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	175,000,000	175,000,000	0	567,444,000
Federal Stimulus	0	0	0	2,436,000
Air Quality - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	27,417,000
Water Resources - Clean Water/Clean Air				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	48,626,000
Solid Waste - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	811,000
Environmental Restoration - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	22,948,000
Clean Water - Clean Air Implementation				
Clean Water Clean Air Implementation Fund	0	0	0	6,405,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	47,743,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	16,000,000	16,000,000	0	36,807,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	6,440,000
Haz Waste Remedial Fund - Oversight & Assessment	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	91,145,000

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Haz Waste Remedial Fund - Cleanup	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	276,506,000
Total	3,434,400,000	796,400,000	(2,638,000,000)	6,034,130,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018