

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of

Mission

The mission of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is to provide safe and enjoyable recreational and interpretive opportunities for all New York State residents and visitors and to be responsible stewards of our valuable natural, historic, and cultural resources.

Organization and Staffing

The Office is headed by a Commissioner appointed by the Governor. Operations are administered through a network of 11 regional offices: Allegany, Central, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island, New York City, Niagara, Palisades, Saratoga/Capital District, Taconic and Thousand Islands. The central office, which includes executive and other administrative support staff, is located in Albany.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2019 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$436 million for OPRHP, a decrease of \$9 million from the FY 2018 Budget. This change primarily reflects a reduction in one time New York Works funding received in FY 2018.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 1,763 FTEs for OPRHP in FY 2019, an increase of 14 FTEs from FY 2018 levels. This increase is directly attributed to Parks receiving additional federal grant awards.

The Budget allocates \$90 million in New York Works capital funding to OPRHP in furtherance of the NY Parks 2020 initiative, which is investing \$900 million in State Parks by 2020, including a new project to transform the former Pennsylvania and Fountain Avenue landfills in Brooklyn into a 407-acre State Park.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

Program Highlights

The Office's mission is carried out through its operation of 215 parks and historic sites, providing safe and attractive facilities, accessible and affordable services and quality visitor experiences. In order to increase efficiencies, OPRHP has reorganized functions and consolidated management operations, and continues to achieve efficiencies by streamlining administrative oversight, redeploying staff and consolidating functions. To enhance park facilities and support events, OPRHP continues to foster public-private partnerships, including corporate sponsorships.

The responsibilities of the Office are carried out through four major programs:

- Administration provides executive direction, fiscal, personnel and public communication services, as well as management of the capital program;
- Park Operations operates the State's 180 parks in the 11 Park regions throughout the State. Staff includes a statewide police force, security, field operations, and maintenance personnel;
- Historic Preservation oversees preservation activities at 35 historic sites, develops a statewide Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan and maintains the State Register of Historic Places; and
- The Natural Heritage Trust receives and administers funds, including private gifts and bequests, to advance conservation, outdoor recreation and historic preservation purposes. Created under the Public Authorities Law in 1968, the Natural Heritage Trust is a public benefit corporation.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	225,675,000	225,887,000	212,000	27,772,000
Aid To Localities	10,345,000	9,305,000	(1,040,000)	37,034,000
Capital Projects	208,700,000	200,700,000	(8,000,000)	434,713,000
Total	444,720,000	435,892,000	(8,828,000)	499,519,000

**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	55	55	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	5	5
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	105	105	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	13	19	6
Park Operations			
General Fund	964	964	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	6	0	(6)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	181	181	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	425	425	0
Recreation Services			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	9	9
Total	1,749	1,763	14

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	129,156,000	129,156,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,283,000	7,283,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	89,236,000	89,448,000	212,000
Total	225,675,000	225,887,000	212,000

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
General Fund	5,697,000	5,697,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	500,000	500,000	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	8,824,000	8,824,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,783,000	1,783,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	99,000	99,000	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	114,635,000	114,635,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	83,885,000	83,885,000	0
Recreation Services			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,752,000	4,964,000	212,000
Total	225,675,000	225,887,000	212,000

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	5,257,000	425,000	5,246,000	425,000
Historic Preservation	8,175,000	0	6,500,000	249,000
Park Operations	99,307,000	0	72,009,000	0
Total	112,739,000	425,000	83,755,000	674,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	11,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,588,000	(249,000)	87,000	0
Park Operations	21,793,000	0	5,505,000	0
Total	23,381,000	(249,000)	5,603,000	0

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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	440,000	(425,000)	105,000	(93,000)
Historic Preservation	649,000	0	221,000	0
Park Operations	15,328,000	0	5,672,000	0
Total	16,417,000	(425,000)	5,998,000	(93,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	104,000	4,000	200,000	(304,000)
Historic Preservation	18,000	7,000	356,000	(7,000)
Park Operations	215,600	69,600	5,796,400	(69,600)
Total	337,600	80,600	6,352,400	(380,600)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	31,000	(32,000)
Historic Preservation	54,000	0
Park Operations	3,644,000	0
Total	3,729,000	(32,000)

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

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,000,000	0	175,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,882,000	0	860,000	0
Park Operations	83,885,000	0	32,700,000	2,603,000
Recreation Services	9,964,000	212,000	2,914,000	0
Total	96,731,000	212,000	36,649,000	2,603,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	825,000	0
Historic Preservation	1,022,000	0
Park Operations	51,185,000	(2,603,000)
Recreation Services	7,050,000	212,000
Total	60,082,000	(2,391,000)

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	1,040,000	0	(1,040,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,170,000	3,170,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
Total	10,345,000	9,305,000	(1,040,000)

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

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Historic Preservation			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	370,000	370,000	0
Natural Heritage Trust			
General Fund	275,000	0	(275,000)
Recreation Services			
General Fund	765,000	0	(765,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,800,000	2,800,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
Total	10,345,000	9,305,000	(1,040,000)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change	Reappropriations FY 2019
Parks EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	1,807,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	21,000,000	21,000,000	0	11,000,000
Natural Heritage Trust				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	300,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	4,000,000	20,000,000	16,000,000	17,253,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	32,400,000	38,400,000	6,000,000	70,954,000
Misc. Capital Projects	28,800,000	28,800,000	0	130,917,000
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund				
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund	0	0	0	6,218,000
New York Works				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	122,500,000	92,500,000	(30,000,000)	195,512,000
Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Bond Fund				
Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Bond Fund	0	0	0	752,000
Total	208,700,000	200,700,000	(8,000,000)	434,713,000

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