

## Environmental Conservation, Department of

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### 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. 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 2020 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of \$1.8 billion for the Department. An increase of \$512 million in new appropriations is attributable primarily to additional DEC New York Works funding and the first installment of a five-year \$2.5 billion clean water commitment.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 3,115 FTEs for the Department.

Major budget actions include:

- A new \$500 million appropriation to support additional investments in clean water projects throughout the State. This is the first installment of a commitment providing an additional \$2.5 billion in support over the next five years for drinking water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, and water quality protection. This commitment doubles 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;
- Investment of \$55 million for the New York Works statewide capital infrastructure program. 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 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; developing programs to empower agencies, organizations, and

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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 2019	Appropriations Recommended FY 2020	Change From FY 2019	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2020
State Operations	447,795,000	459,738,000	11,943,000	359,061,000
Aid To Localities	1,776,000	0	(1,776,000)	17,125,200
Capital Projects	796,400,000	1,298,450,000	502,050,000	6,106,709,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,245,971,000</b>	<b>1,758,188,000</b>	<b>512,217,000</b>	<b>6,482,895,200</b>

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

Program	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FTE Change
<b>Administration</b>			
General Fund	111	111	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	120	120	0
<b>Air and Water Quality Management</b>			
General Fund	164	164	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	140	140	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	245	245	0
<b>Environmental Enforcement</b>			
General Fund	314	314	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	124	124	0
<b>Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources</b>			
General Fund	103	103	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	63	63	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	261	261	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	1	1	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	8	8	0
<b>Forest and Land Resources</b>			
General Fund	276	276	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8	8	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	97	97	0
<b>Operations</b>			
General Fund	130	135	5
Special Revenue Funds - Other	34	34	0
<b>Rehabilitation and Improvement</b>			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	368	368	0
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management</b>			
General Fund	10	10	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	49	49	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	241	241	0
Capital Projects Funds - Federal	3	3	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	240	240	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>5</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
General Fund	124,578,000	129,873,000	5,295,000
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	81,198,000	81,198,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	241,924,000	248,572,000	6,648,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>447,795,000</b>	<b>459,738,000</b>	<b>11,943,000</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) To			
Employee Relations, Office of			
General Fund	104,000		
<b>Appropriated FY 2019</b>	<b>447,899,000</b>		

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

Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Administration			
General Fund	10,355,000	11,766,000	1,411,000
Internal Service Funds	95,000	95,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,728,000	17,658,000	(70,000)
Air and Water Quality Management			
General Fund	17,684,000	16,914,000	(770,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	40,898,000	40,898,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	52,739,000	55,333,000	2,594,000
Environmental Enforcement			
General Fund	40,544,000	40,378,000	(166,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	24,315,000	29,912,000	5,597,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources			
General Fund	11,483,000	12,991,000	1,508,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	28,000,000	28,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	42,500,000	43,233,000	733,000
Forest and Land Resources			
General Fund	26,036,000	28,157,000	2,121,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	31,398,000	32,125,000	727,000
Operations			
General Fund	16,655,000	17,798,000	1,143,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,321,000	14,670,000	349,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management			
General Fund	1,821,000	1,869,000	48,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,300,000	7,300,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	58,923,000	55,641,000	(3,282,000)

<b>Total</b>	<b>447,795,000</b>	<b>459,738,000</b>	<b>11,943,000</b>
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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2020 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	10,308,000	1,411,000	10,003,000	1,404,000
Air and Water Quality Management	15,169,000	(770,000)	15,029,000	(775,000)
Environmental Enforcement	38,737,000	(166,000)	32,861,000	(338,000)
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	6,266,000	1,508,000	5,769,000	1,496,000
Forest and Land Resources	25,479,000	2,121,000	23,686,000	2,069,000
Operations	9,699,000	1,143,000	9,104,000	1,128,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	1,256,000	48,000	1,082,000	43,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,914,000</b>	<b>5,295,000</b>	<b>97,534,000</b>	<b>5,027,000</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	249,000	5,000	56,000	2,000
Air and Water Quality Management	69,000	2,000	71,000	3,000
Environmental Enforcement	434,000	11,000	5,442,000	164,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	434,000	9,000	63,000	3,000
Forest and Land Resources	210,000	5,000	1,583,000	47,000
Operations	414,000	9,000	181,000	6,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	162,000	4,000	12,000	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,972,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>7,408,000</b>	<b>226,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2020 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,458,000	0	300,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	1,745,000	0	475,000	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,959,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,371,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	89,000	0	990,000	0
Air and Water Quality Management	109,000	0	1,087,000	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>769,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,382,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,437,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2020 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	17,753,000	(70,000)	9,565,000	(45,000)
Air and Water Quality Management	96,231,000	2,594,000	41,934,000	1,013,000
Environmental Enforcement	29,912,000	5,597,000	13,703,000	2,970,000
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	71,233,000	733,000	29,650,000	(398,000)
Forest and Land Resources	37,125,000	727,000	17,663,000	492,000
Operations	14,670,000	349,000	3,122,000	204,000
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	62,941,000	(3,282,000)	27,375,000	(1,706,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,865,000</b>	<b>6,648,000</b>	<b>143,012,000</b>	<b>2,530,000</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	8,188,000	(25,000)	0	0
Air and Water Quality Management	54,297,000	3,681,000	0	(2,100,000)
Environmental Enforcement	16,209,000	2,627,000	0	0
Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources	41,583,000	1,131,000	0	0
Forest and Land Resources	19,462,000	235,000	0	0
Operations	11,548,000	145,000	0	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	35,566,000	(1,576,000)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,853,000</b>	<b>6,218,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,100,000)</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
General Fund	1,776,000	0	(1,776,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,776,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,776,000)</b>

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**APPROPRIATIONS**  
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Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Administration			
General Fund	1,776,000	0	(1,776,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,776,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,776,000)</b>

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change	Reappropriations FY 2020
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	17,000,000	24,700,000	7,700,000	20,629,000
Air Quality - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	27,417,000
Air Resources - EQBA				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,665,000
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	110,830,000
Environment and Recreation				
Environmental Protection Fund	300,000,000	300,000,000	0	1,127,330,000
Environmental Protection and Enhancements				
Environmental Protection Fund	0	0	0	4,216,000
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund				
Environmental Quality Bond Act Fund - 1986	0	0	0	52,518,000
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund				
Environmental Quality Protection Bond Fund	0	0	0	23,129,000
Environmental Restoration - Clean Water/Clean Air 96				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	22,561,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	3,549,000
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	1,076,000
Lands and Forests				
Capital Projects Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	42,186,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	10,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	28,621,000
Forest Preserve Expansion Fund	0	0	0	110,000



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<b>Marine Resources</b>				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	15,331,000
<b>New York Works</b>				
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	40,000,000	55,250,000	15,250,000	184,541,000
<b>Operations</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	18,000,000	19,000,000	1,000,000	51,599,000
Natural Resource Damages Fund	0	0	0	34,516,000
Financial Security Fund	0	0	0	10,648,000
<b>Pure Waters Bond Fund</b>				
Pure Waters Bond Fund	0	0	0	20,568,000
<b>Recreation</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	2,117,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	3,168,000
<b>Solid Waste - Clean Water/Clean Air 96</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	811,000
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	4,500,000	4,000,000	(500,000)	6,041,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund	30,000,000	0	(30,000,000)	60,000,000
NY Env Protection and Spill Remediation	21,200,000	21,200,000	0	20,714,000
<b>Solid Waste Management - EQBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	4,231,000
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	16,000,000	20,000,000	4,000,000	49,223,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	5,921,000
Haz Waste Remedial Fund - Oversight & Assessment	6,000,000	9,100,000	3,100,000	96,706,000
Haz Waste Remedial Fund - Cleanup	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	304,041,000
<b>Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - EQBA 86</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	44,493,000
<b>Water Resources</b>				
Capital Projects Fund	7,700,000	7,200,000	(500,000)	29,965,000
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	3,500,000	5,500,000	2,000,000	26,787,000
Cap Proj Fund - State Revolving Fund (Auth Bonds)	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	119,220,000
Cap Proj Fund - DEC Regular (Auth Bonds)	0	0	0	2,878,019,000
Capital Projects Fund – Settlement Funds	0	500,000,000	500,000,000	0
Federal Capital Projects Fund	175,000,000	175,000,000	0	596,101,000
Federal Stimulus	0	0	0	2,436,000
<b>Water Resources - EQBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	2,350,000
<b>Water Resources - PWBA</b>				
Capital Projects Fund - PWBA (Bondable)	0	0	0	6,039,000

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Water Resources - Clean Water/Clean Air				
Capital Projects Fund - 1996 CWA (Bondable)	0	0	0	47,862,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>796,400,000</b>	<b>1,298,450,000</b>	<b>502,050,000</b>	<b>6,106,709,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 1/15/2019