

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

OPRHP 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 2023 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of almost \$610 million for OPRHP, an increase of about \$112 million from the FY 2022 Budget. This change primarily reflects spending associated with increased staffing levels and an increase in capital spending.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,087 FTEs for OPRHP in FY 2023.

The Budget allocates \$200 million in New York Works capital funding to OPRHP to further expand the on-going investment to restore and repair parks and historic sites across New York.

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

Program Highlights

OPRHP's mission is carried out through its operation of 216 parks and historic sites, providing safe and attractive facilities, accessible and affordable services, and quality visitor experiences. 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 OPRHP 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 181 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 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	260,564,342	285,628,000	25,063,658	177,500,500
Aid To Localities	10,022,500	9,305,000	(717,500)	47,497,500
Capital Projects	226,900,000	314,900,000	88,000,000	549,973,000
Total	497,486,842	609,833,000	112,346,158	774,971,000

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ALL FUND TYPES

**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	62	62	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5	5	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	105	105	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	19	19	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	1,039	1,081	42
Special Revenue Funds - Other	249	260	11
Capital Projects Funds - Other	495	495	0
Recreation Services			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7	7	0
Enterprise Funds	53	53	0
Total	2,034	2,087	53

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Enterprise Funds	25,187,896	25,188,000	104
General Fund	139,056,957	140,275,000	1,218,043
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,283,000	7,283,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	89,036,489	112,882,000	23,845,511
Total	260,564,342	285,628,000	25,063,658
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(11,832,342)		
Appropriated FY 2022	248,732,000		

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Administration			
General Fund	5,920,553	7,074,000	1,153,447
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	498,000	498,000	0
Historic Preservation			
General Fund	8,939,855	11,105,000	2,165,145
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,783,000	1,783,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	101,000	101,000	0
Park Operations			
General Fund	124,196,549	122,096,000	(2,100,549)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	83,482,489	107,529,000	24,046,511
Recreation Services			
Enterprise Funds	25,187,896	25,188,000	104
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,955,000	4,754,000	(201,000)
Total	260,564,342	285,628,000	25,063,658

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	6,200,000	1,153,447	6,189,000	1,154,085
Historic Preservation	10,456,000	2,165,145	8,781,000	2,167,657
Park Operations	107,003,000	(2,100,549)	79,705,000	(260,491)
Total	123,659,000	1,218,043	94,675,000	3,061,251

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	11,000	(638)
Historic Preservation	1,588,000	(1,084)	87,000	(1,428)
Park Operations	21,793,000	(153,385)	5,505,000	(1,686,673)
Total	23,381,000	(154,469)	5,603,000	(1,688,739)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	874,000	0	435,000	0
Historic Preservation	649,000	0	221,000	0
Park Operations	15,093,000	0	5,437,000	0
Total	16,616,000	0	6,093,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	133,000	0	250,000	0
Historic Preservation	23,000	0	351,000	0
Park Operations	216,000	0	5,796,000	0
Total	372,000	0	6,397,000	0

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	56,000	0
Historic Preservation	54,000	0
Park Operations	3,644,000	0
Total	3,754,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	998,000	0	298,000	45,000
Historic Preservation	1,884,000	0	1,158,000	0
Park Operations	107,529,000	24,046,511	52,037,000	17,739,511
Recreation Services	34,942,000	(200,896)	12,564,000	(9,896)
Total	145,353,000	23,845,615	66,057,000	17,774,615

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	700,000	(45,000)
Historic Preservation	726,000	0
Park Operations	55,492,000	6,307,000
Recreation Services	22,378,000	(191,000)
Total	79,296,000	6,071,000

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	717,500	0	(717,500)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3,170,000	3,170,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
Total	10,022,500	9,305,000	(717,500)

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

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Historic Preservation			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,120,000	1,120,000	0
Natural Heritage Trust			
General Fund	132,500	0	(132,500)
Recreation Services			
General Fund	585,000	0	(585,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,050,000	2,050,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
Total	10,022,500	9,305,000	(717,500)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	21,000,000	21,000,000	0	20,523,000
Federal Capital Projects Fund				
Federal Capital Projects Fund	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	60,005,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	44,600,000	44,600,000	0	104,386,000
Misc. Capital Projects	28,800,000	26,800,000	(2,000,000)	159,350,000
Natural Heritage Trust				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	300,000
New York Works				
State Parks Infrastructure Fund	112,500,000	202,500,000	90,000,000	197,393,000
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund				
Outdoor Recreation Development Bond Fund	0	0	0	6,218,000
Parks EQBA 86				
Capital Projects Fund - EQBA 86 (Bondable)	0	0	0	1,798,000
Total	226,900,000	314,900,000	88,000,000	549,973,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020