

**FY 2022-23: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Summary: As Passed by the Senate**  
**Senate Bill 839 (S-2)**



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	FY 2021-22 YTD as of 2/9/22	FY 2022-23 Executive	FY 2022-23 House	FY 2022-23 Senate	FY 2022-23 Conference	Difference: House From FY 2021-22 YTD	
						Amount	%
<b>IDG/IDT</b>	\$203,100	\$203,100	\$203,100	\$203,100	\$	\$0	0.0
<b>Federal</b>	91,291,300	93,630,000	93,499,900	93,630,000		2,338,700	2.6
<b>Local</b>	0	0	0	0		0	--
<b>Private</b>	7,039,200	7,039,200	7,039,200	7,039,200		0	0.0
<b>Restricted</b>	317,195,300	337,504,200	324,735,900	337,504,200		20,308,900	6.4
<b>GF/GP</b>	48,612,500	95,775,700	48,079,900	86,514,300		37,901,800	78.0
<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$464,341,400</b>	<b>\$534,152,200</b>	<b>\$473,558,000</b>	<b>\$524,890,800</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$60,549,400</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	2,360.9	2,418.8	2,360.9	2,360.9		0.0	0.0

Notes: (1) FY 2021-22 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 9, 2022. (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

**Overview**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages Michigan's natural and cultural resources through conservation and protection. State parks, wildlife, fisheries, forests, and minerals management are all administered by DNR.

Major Budget Changes from FY 2021-22 YTD Appropriations		FY 2021-22 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/22)	FY 2022-23 Senate Change
<b>1. State Fish Hatchery Upgrades and Improvements (One-Time)</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$30.0 million GF/GP for biosecurity, equipment, and infrastructure updates at state fish hatcheries including expansion of facilities and fish production at the Wolf Lake hatchery in Van Buren County. <u>House</u> does not appropriate. <u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,500 GF/GP.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$133,500
<b>2. Equipment Lifecycle Replacement (One-Time)</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$12.4 million Gross (\$10.9 GF/GP) to replace aging equipment and vehicles in multiple DNR divisions including Fisheries, Forest Resources, and Law Enforcement. <u>House</u> appropriates \$1.6 million in restricted funding for equipment lifecycle replacement. <u>Senate</u> appropriates \$1.7 million Gross (\$133,500 GF/GP).	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,683,500</b>
	Restricted GF/GP	NA	1,550,000 \$133,500
<b>3. Great Lakes Research Vessel (One-Time)</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$4.0 million GF/GP to replace the aging Lake Michigan Survey Vessel. <u>House</u> does not appropriate. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$4,000,000
<b>4. Mass Timber Facility Newberry Customer Service Center (One-Time)</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$2.0 million GF/GP for the construction of a facility in Luce County for departmental staff and equipment storage. <u>House</u> does not appropriate. <u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,500 GF/GP.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$133,500

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<b>5. Wildfire Protection</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$751,900 GF/GP to expand wildfire prevention and protection by funding staff overtime and vacancies.	FTE	115.0	0.0
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$15,030,900</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,500 GF/GP.	Federal	1,370,200	0
	Restricted	7,212,500	0
	GF/GP	\$6,448,200	\$133,500
<b>6. Fisheries Resource Management</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$652,800 GF/GP and authorizes 4.0 FTE positions to improve state and tribal relations in the co-management of fisheries.	FTE	158.0	0.0
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$21,714,000</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,500 GF/GP and no new FTE positions.	Federal	4,382,400	0
	Private	136,700	0
	Restricted	16,653,200	0
	GF/GP	\$541,700	\$133,500
<b>7. Archives of Michigan Digitization (One-Time)</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$485,000 GF/GP to digitize and index decaying physical historical records.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$133,400</b>
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	GF/GP	NA	\$133,400
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,400 GF/GP.			
<b>8. Parks and Recreation Division Employee Initiatives</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$9.2 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 40.8 FTE positions for division employee recruitment and retention initiatives, including increases in work hours and wages.	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$9,159,700</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$9.2 million in restricted funding and no new FTE positions.	Restricted	NA	9,159,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>9. Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvements</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates an additional \$3.1 million of available restricted revenue and authorizes 13.1 FTE positions to support trail improvement grants and law enforcement across Michigan's ORV system.	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$3,059,900</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$3.1 million in restricted funding and no new FTE positions	Restricted	NA	3,059,900
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>10. State Parks Improvement Revenue Bonds – Debt Service</b>			
<u>Executive</u> eliminates \$1.2 million from the Park Improvement Fund as no debt payments are required after FY 2021-22.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,201,800</b>	<b>(\$1,201,800)</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	1,201,800	(1,201,800)
<u>Senate</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
<b>11. Parks and Recreation Division Campsite and Harbor Operations</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$2.8 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund to increase funding for state campsites and harbors.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$2,820,000</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	2,820,000
<u>Senate</u> concurs.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>12. Pay Increases for Recruitment and Retention of Short-Term Employees</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$678,800 in available federal and restricted revenue to provide pay increases for short-term employees in fisheries, shooting ranges, and cultural centers.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$678,800</b>
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.	Federal	NA	130,100
<u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Restricted	NA	548,700
	GF/GP	NA	\$0

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<b>13. Marketing and Outreach</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$297,800 in available restricted revenue to align spending authorization with available Youth Hunting and Fishing Education and Outreach funding, to support the increased online credit card processing of hunting and fishing licenses, and to support maintenance of the MiConnect Outdoors license sales system. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	FTE	137.3	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$14,705,400</b>	<b>\$297,800</b>
	Federal	1,721,600	0
	Restricted	12,682,400	297,800
	GF/GP	\$301,400	\$0
<b>14. Wildlife Management</b>			
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$100,000 in available restricted revenue to align spending authorization with available Pheasant Hunting License fee revenue. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	FTE	221.5	0.0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$46,042,300</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
	Federal	25,638,700	0
	Private	315,700	0
	Restricted	15,635,300	100,000
<b>15. Capital Outlay – State Parks Repair and Maintenance</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$3.1 million in available restricted revenue from Recreation Passport Fees for state park infrastructure maintenance, renovation, and upgrades. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$4,452,600	\$0
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$16,100,000</b>	<b>\$3,100,000</b>
	Restricted	14,600,000	3,100,000
	GF/GP	\$1,500,000	\$0
<b>16. Capital Outlay – State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure</b> <u>Executive</u> establishes new appropriation of \$1.4 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) for facility improvements and wildlife restoration projects at state game areas. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
	Federal	NA	1,050,000
	Restricted	NA	350,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>17. Capital Outlay – State Boating Infrastructure Maintenance</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.1 million in available federal and Michigan State Waterways funding for facility maintenance and infrastructure projects at state harbors and boating access sites. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$7,752,500</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>
	Federal	1,075,000	400,000
	Restricted	6,677,500	700,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
<b>18. Capital Outlay – Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition</b> <u>Executive</u> reestablishes appropriation of \$1.0 million from Waterfowl Hunt Stamp revenue to facilitate access for public recreation in wetland areas. This program was last funded in FY 2020-21. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
	Restricted	NA	1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>19. Capital Outlay – Local Boating Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvements</b> <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$300,000 in available Michigan State Waterways funding for local grants for facility maintenance and infrastructure projects at publicly-accessible local harbors and boating access sites. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$3,322,500</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
	Restricted	3,322,500	300,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
<b>20. Removal of FY 2021-22 One-Time Funding</b> <u>Executive</u> removes \$8.0 million Gross (\$2.0 million GF/GP) for one-time projects included in the FY 2021-22 budget. Projects included Fish Hatchery Energy Efficiencies and Kalamazoo River Watershed Improvements. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$7,995,800</b>	<b>(\$7,995,800)</b>
	Restricted	6,000,000	(6,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$1,995,800	(\$1,995,800)

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<b>21. Chronic Wasting Disease Testing (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Executive eliminates funding for the provision of CWD check stations or drop stations in core CWD areas, management zones, or surveillance areas. <u>House</u> appropriates an additional \$500,000 GF/GP. <u>Senate</u> maintains current funding.	GF/GP	\$500,000	\$0
<b>22. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>House</u> appropriates \$1.0 million GF/GP for the provision of body cameras to Conservation Officers. <u>Senate</u> does not appropriate.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>23. Michigan Conservation Corps</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$934,400</b>	<b>(\$934,400)</b>
<u>Executive</u> maintains funding for the for the Michigan Conservation Corps. This statewide summer employment program for at-risk youth and returning veterans allows partner organizations to hire individuals for work that is approved or managed by DNR employees. <u>House</u> eliminates funding. <u>Senate</u> eliminates funding.	GF/GP	\$934,400	(\$934,400)
<b>24. Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$133,500 GF/GP to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund.	GF/GP	NA	\$133,500
<b>25. Mackinac Island State Park Infrastructure and Maintenance (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$35,000,000</b>
<u>Senate</u> appropriates \$30.0 million GF/GP to reduce Mackinac Island State Park's maintenance and repair backlog and \$5.0 million GF/GP to renovate scout barracks at the park.	GF/GP	NA	\$35,000,000
<b>26. Economic Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$6,180,800</b>
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$6.2 million Gross (\$897,600 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1, 2022 and 0.5% to annualize the FY 2021-22 1.0% increase that began on April 1, 2022), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	758,600
	Restricted	NA	4,524,600
	GF/GP	NA	\$897,600

#### **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2021-22**

##### **Sec. 206. Disciplinary Action Against State Employees – RETAINED**

Prohibits department from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the legislature and their staffs, unless communication is prohibited by law. (*Governor's signing letter stated this section was unenforceable.*)

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

##### **Sec. 208. Legal Services – REVISED**

Denies permission to hire attorneys to provide legal services provided by attorney general.

Executive and House retain, Senate revises to provide permission to hire attorneys to provide legal services provided by attorney general.

##### **Sec. 209. GF/GP Lapse – REVISED**

Requires report of estimated GF/GP appropriation lapses at close of previous year.

Executive and Senate revise due date to December 31, House retains November 30 due date

##### **Sec. 210. Contingency Fund Transfer Authority – DELETED**

Provides authority for contingency fund transfers of up to \$5.0 million restricted; authorizes expenditure after legislative transfer to specific line items.

Executive revises to include contingency authority of \$3.0 million federal, \$10.0 million restricted, and \$1.0 million private; House retains without change.

Senate deletes.

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### **Sec. 215. Businesses in Economically Deprived or Depressed Communities – DELETED**

Requires director to take reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts.

Executive and House retain, Senate deletes.

### **Sec. 216. FTE Vacancies and Remote Work Report – RETAINED**

Requires department to report the number of FTE positions filled, FTE vacancies, the number of employees working remotely, the number of employees authorized to work remotely, estimated cost savings from remote work, and reduction in office space due to working remotely.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 217. Expending Available Work Project Authorization – RETAINED**

Advises department not to expend appropriations until existing work project authorization for the same purpose has been expended. (*Governor's signing letter stated this section was unenforceable.*)

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – RETAINED**

Authorizes legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers appropriated funds. (*Governor's signing letter stated this section was unenforceable.*)

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 219. Receipt and Retention of Reports – DELETED**

Requires department to receive and retain copies of all reports.

Executive and Senate delete, House retains.

### **Sec. 220. Report on Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Affecting Department – DELETED**

Requires the department to report on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar year by April 1.

Executive and Senate delete, House retains.

### **Sec. 221. Severance Reporting – RETAINED**

Requires department to report details of severance pay for certain departmental employees.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 222. COVID-19 Vaccine Disclosure – DELETED**

Prohibits state officials from requiring COVID-19 vaccine disclosure as a condition of receiving state services or developing a vaccine passport.

Executive and Senate delete, House retains.

### **Sec. 225. Contracts and Grants for Local Governments, Colleges and Universities, Nonprofits – RETAINED**

Authorizes department to contract with or provide grants to local governments, institutions of higher education, or nonprofits.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 240. Remote Working Prohibition – DELETED**

Prohibits the department from permitting employees to work remotely unless they were working remotely prior to February 28, 2020..

House adds new section, Senate does not add.

### **Sec. 408. Land Transactions – RETAINED**

Requires detailed report to legislature on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 506. USDA Wildlife Services Deer Harvesting – RETAINED**

Encourages United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to harvest all deer during targeted removal required under Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Program.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2021-22**

### **Sec. 507. Antlerless Deer License Discounts – RETAINED**

Permits department to discount antlerless deer licenses in the northeast Lower Peninsula to achieve deer management objectives; earmarks up to \$505,000 of funding for wildlife management to supplant lost revenue that would otherwise be collected from full-price antlerless deer licenses sold in the northeast Lower Peninsula; permits department to terminate the license discount once lost revenue reaches \$505,000. If lost revenue does not exceed \$505,000 by February 1 then the department is required to end the discount and allocate remaining funding to the Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative.

Executive revises lost revenue date to a date to be specified by the department but not before November 15 and replaces the Deer Habitat Initiative with "costs associated with testing for chronic wasting disease that were harvested outside the areas designated as chronic wasting disease surveillance areas where sample collection sites are available" and provides for the department to implement this change "in a form and manner prescribed by the department."

House replaces the Deer Habitat Initiative with "costs associated with testing for chronic wasting disease that were harvested outside the areas designated as chronic wasting disease surveillance areas where sample collection sites are available."

Senate retains.

### **Sec. 601. Stream Habitat Improvement Grant – DELETED**

Appropriates \$758,000 to watershed councils, resource development councils, soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other nonprofit organizations for stream habitat improvement projects.

Executive and Senate delete, House retains.

### **Sec. 602. Water Control Structure Certification – DELETED**

Directs Fisheries Division to not interfere with certification process for dams and other water control structures.

Executive deletes, House and Senate concur.

### **Sec. 802. Timber Marking – RETAINED**

Requires department to report quarterly on number of acres of state forest land marked or treated for timber harvest.

Executive revises to exclude specific reporting requirements, House and Senate retain without change.

### **Sec. 803. Federal Forest Fire Compact Expenditure Authorization – REVISED**

Authorizes expenditure of funds for forest fire suppression efforts on federal lands, provided DNR is reimbursed.

Executive revises to add hazard incidents as allowable expenditure, House and Senate concur.

### **Sec. 901. Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants – RETAINED**

Authorizes snowmobile law enforcement grant funds to county law enforcement agencies in counties with state snowmobile trails.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 902. Marine Safety Grants – RETAINED**

Requires report on Marine Safety Grant Program; requires report to include watercraft registration revenues, revenues and expenditures of Marine Safety Fund, grant distribution methodology, and list of grant awards by county.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 1201. Chronic Wasting Disease Testing – RETAINED**

Directs expenditure of funding for the provision of CWD check stations or drop stations in core CWD areas, management zones, or surveillance areas before the next hunting season.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain.

### **Sec. 1202. Kalamazoo River Watershed Improvements – Capital Outlay – DELETED**

Directs expenditure of funding for Kalamazoo River watershed improvements in accordance with the Kalamazoo River Supplemental Restoration Plan.

Executive deletes, House and Senate concur.

### **Sec. 1202. Work Project – Great Lakes Research Vessel – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds appropriated for Great Lakes Research Vessel to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to replace and upgrade the Lake Michigan survey vessel.

Senate adds new section.

### **Sec. 1203. Work Project – Mackinac Island State Park Infrastructure and Maintenance – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds appropriated for Mackinac Island State Park Infrastructure and Maintenance to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to reduce the park's maintenance and repair backlog and renovate facilities.

Senate adds new section.

