

FY 2023-24: NATURAL RESOURCES

Summary: As Reported by House Appropriations Committee House Bill 4290 (H-3)



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IDG/IDT	FY 2022-23 YTD as of 2/8/23	FY 2023-24 Executive	FY 2023-24 House	FY 2023-24 Senate	FY 2023-24 Conference	Difference: House From FY 2022-23 YTD	
						Amount	%
	\$203,100	\$202,600	\$202,600	\$	\$	(\$500)	(0.2)
Federal	93,630,000	100,409,600	100,409,600			6,779,600	7.2
Local	0	0	0			0	--
Private	7,039,200	7,289,200	7,289,200			250,000	3.6
Restricted	340,206,500	356,126,400	356,126,400			15,919,900	4.7
GF/GP	94,404,000	120,136,100	111,805,400			17,401,400	18.4
Gross	\$535,482,800	\$584,163,900	\$575,833,200	\$	\$	\$40,350,400	7.5
FTEs	2,418.8	2,546.5	2,535.5			116.7	4.8

Notes: (1) FY 2022-23 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 8, 2023. (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 2022-23 YTD Appropriations		FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)	FY 2023-24 House Change
1. Belle Isle Park Infrastructure (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$21,500,000
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$43.0 million GF/GP for physical plant renovations, maintenance, and safety upgrades at Belle Isle Park in Wayne County.	GF/GP	NA	\$21,500,000
<u>House</u> appropriates \$21.5 million GF/GP.			
2. Invasive Species Prevention and Control	FTE	13.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$11.9 million GF/GP and authorizes 12.0 FTE positions to establish a team to address invasive species and habitat deterioration; \$5.8 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis.	Gross	\$5,101,600	\$5,758,500
<u>House</u> \$5.8 million GF/GP on a one-time basis.	GF/GP	\$5,101,600	\$5,758,500
3. Nature Awaits	Gross	NA	\$0
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$4.0 million GF/GP for grants to schools to cover transportation and other costs related to connecting all Michigan fourth grades to the state park system.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<u>House</u> does not appropriate.			
4. Wildfire Protection and Technology	FTE	NA	22.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$3.7 million GF/GP and authorizes 22.0 FTE positions to expand state firefighting personnel and equipment.	Gross	NA	\$3,738,800
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	NA	\$3,738,800
5. General Law Enforcement	FTE	293.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$3.5 million GF/GP for pay increases to Conservation Officers to approach compensation rates of comparable law enforcement personnel, including the Michigan State Police.	Gross	\$47,253,700	\$3,549,500
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	6,921,000	0
	Restricted	27,426,300	0
	GF/GP	\$12,906,400	\$3,549,500

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6. Great Lakes Splash Pads (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$3.5 million GF/GP for three splash pad playgrounds on the shores of Lake Michigan: Grand Haven State Park (Ottawa County), Holland State Park (Ottawa County), and Warren Dunes State Park (Berrien County). <u>House</u> does not provide.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
7. Outreach and Engagement to Underrepresented Communities in Parks and Museums	FTE	NA	7.0
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.5 million Gross (\$780,900 GF/GP) and authorizes 7.0 FTE positions for outreach to disadvantaged communities and underrepresented populations for engagement with state parks and Michigan History Center museums; restricted funding comes from the Park Improvement Fund. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,500,000
	Restricted	NA	719,100
	GF/GP	NA	\$780,900
8. Michigan Historical Center and Technology	FTE	NA	0.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$450,000 GF/GP and authorizes 3.0 FTE positions to support collaboration between the state archives and local governments to meet statutory requirements for retention of records. <u>House</u> does not provide.	Gross	NA	\$0
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
9. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers	FTE	0.0	3.0
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$258,900 GF/GP and authorizes 5.0 FTE positions to manage body camera data and FOIA requests. <u>House</u> authorizes 3.0 FTE positions.	Gross	\$600,000	\$0
	GF/GP	\$600,000	\$0
10. Capital Outlay Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$10,000,000
<u>Executive</u> provides a net of \$10.0 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) for funding increases to Forest Development Infrastructure; Shooting Range Development, Enhancement, and Restoration; State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure; and State Parks Repair and Maintenance. Funding decreases are also included to Local Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance; State Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance; and Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition. <u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	4,575,000
	Private	NA	250,000
	Restricted	NA	5,175,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
11. Parks and Recreation Division Operations	FTE	NA	54.7
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$7.8 million in available restricted revenues from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 54.7 FTE positions to expand personnel and support for operations across state parks system. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$7,753,500
	Restricted	NA	7,753,500
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
12. Forest Land Management Equipment (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$2,500,000
<u>Executive</u> provides \$2.5 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Development Fund to support management of forest resources and to purchase new forestry equipment. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	2,500,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
13. Federal Funding for Fire Protection	Gross	NA	\$1,751,500
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.8 million in available federal revenues to expand state and local fire protection. <u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	1,751,500
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
14. Climate and Carbon Sequestration Program Expansion	FTE	NA	4.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$1.5 million in available restricted revenues from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 4.0 FTE positions to support current sales and expansion of the carbon offset credit program. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,463,600
	Restricted	NA	1,463,600
	GF/GP	NA	\$0

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15. Restricted Authorization Alignment	Gross	NA	(\$1,432,400)
<u>Executive</u> reduces restricted funding by \$1.4 million across divisions to align spending authorization with available resources.	Restricted	NA	(1,432,400)
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
16. Fleet Rate Increase	Gross	NA	\$1,229,100
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.2 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) to cover increased mileage rates and transportation leasing costs.	Federal	NA	2,900
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	1,226,200
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
17. Finance and Operations Expansion	FTE	NA	5.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$724,700 Gross (\$0 GF/GP) and authorizes 5.0 FTE positions to manage departmental grants, land transactions, and procurement processes.	Gross	NA	\$724,700
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	23,900
	Restricted	NA	700,800
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
18. Forest Management and Timber Market Development	FTE	185.0	15.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$540,800 in available federal revenues (\$0 GF/GP) and authorizes 15.0 FTE positions to expand the Forest Health and Good Neighbor Authority programs within the Forest Resources Division.	Gross	\$44,532,400	\$540,800
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	10,435,600	540,800
	Private	930,400	0
	Restricted	33,166,400	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
19. Michigan Wildlife Council	Gross	\$1,600,000	(\$200,000)
<u>Executive</u> reduces funding from the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund by \$200,000 to align spending authority with available revenues and rolls up the four extant Michigan Wildlife Council appropriations into a single line item.	Restricted	1,600,000	(200,000)
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
20. Information Technology Services and Projects	Gross	\$10,562,500	\$54,200
<u>Executive</u> appropriates \$54,200 in available restricted revenues (\$0 GF/GP) to cover increases resulting from increased use of the MiLogin system.	Restricted	9,330,200	54,200
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$1,232,300	\$0
21. Cross-Divisional Internal Transfers	Gross	NA	\$0
<u>Executive</u> transfers the Shooting Range Specialist Program from Departmental Administration and Support to Communication and Customer Services; transfers the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Off-road Vehicle Trail Development and Maintenance, and Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance programs from the Grants section to Capital Outlay; all changes net to zero.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<u>House</u> concurs.			
22. Removal of FY 2022-23 One-Time Funding	Gross	\$46,935,000	(\$46,935,000)
<u>Executive</u> removes \$46.9 million Gross (\$45.4 million GF/GP) for one-time programs included in the FY 2022-23 budget. Programs included Archives of Michigan Digitization, Body Cameras for Conservation Officers, Chronic Wasting Disease Testing, Equipment Lifecycle Replacement, Great Lakes Vessel Modernization, and State Fish Hatchery Upgrades and Improvements.	Restricted	1,550,000	(1,550,000)
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$45,385,000	(\$45,385,000)
23. Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund Deposit (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$8,249,900
<u>House</u> deposits \$8.2 million GF/GP to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund to increase fund balance; fund revenue supports public recreation facilities.	GF/GP	NA	\$8,249,900
24. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Deposit (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$5,369,900
<u>House</u> deposits \$5.4 million GF/GP to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to increase fund balance; fund revenue supports public recreation facilities.	GF/GP	NA	\$5,369,900

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25. Outdoor Recreation Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$5,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$5,000,000
<u>House</u> appropriates \$5.0 million GF/GP to establish a grant program to encourage the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters, fishers, boaters, shooters, and birders.			
26. Aggregate Mapping (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$5,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$5,000,000
<u>House</u> provides \$5.0 million GF/GP to map Michigan's aggregate deposits in collaboration with the Michigan Geological Survey at Western Michigan University.			
27. AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$100
	GF/GP	NA	\$100
<u>House</u> appropriates a \$100 GF/GP placeholder to restore and maintain fisheries, habitats, and ecosystems in the AuSable River and Manistee River.			
28. Office of the State Archaeologist	FTE	NA	6.0
	Gross	NA	\$2,500,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$2,500,000
<u>House</u> provides \$2.5 million GF/GP and authorizes 6.0 FTE positions to establish an Office of the State Archaeologist to serve as the source of archaeological expertise for state government, provide archaeological services on behalf of state government, and lead the effort to identify, document, and protect archaeological resources that document the entire span of human history in this state; \$1.5 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis.			
29. Michigan Conservation Corps (One-Time)	Gross	\$934,000	\$1,000,000
	GF/GP	\$934,000	\$1,000,000
<u>House</u> appropriates an additional \$1.0 million GF/GP to the Michigan Conservation Corp program.			
30. State Water Trail Organizations (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$250,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$250,000
<u>House</u> appropriates \$250,000 GF/GP to support state water trail organizations.			
31. Mass Timber Recreational Trails Lodge at Michigan Tech University (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$130,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$130,000
<u>House</u> provides \$130,000 GF/GP to support a mass timber recreational trails lodge at Michigan Tech University.			
32. Brandon Road Dam (One-Time)	Gross	NA	\$100
	GF/GP	NA	\$100
<u>House</u> adds a \$100 GF/GP placeholder for Michigan's Great Lakes Compact obligation to support the Brandon Road Dam in Illinois that prevents invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes.			
33. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	(\$646,400)
	IDG	NA	(500)
	Federal	NA	(114,500)
	Private	NA	0
	Restricted	NA	(490,100)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$41,300)
<u>Executive</u> reflects a net reduction of \$646,400 Gross (\$41,300 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (2.0% on October 1, 2023), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, rent, and other economic adjustments. <u>House</u> concurs.			

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 205. Report Recipients – NEW

Requires boilerplate reports be submitted to appropriations subcommittees, fiscal agencies, legislative policy offices, and the state budget office unless otherwise stated.

House adds new section.

Sec. 207. 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 deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.*)

Executive deletes, House retains.

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Sec. 210. GF/GP Lapse – REVISED

Requires report of estimated GF/GP appropriation lapses at close of previous year. Revised due date from November 30 to December 31.

House revises due date to December 15 and report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205.

Sec. 211. Contingency Fund Transfer Authority – REVISED

Allows for the legislative transfer process to increase state restricted authorization by up to \$5.0 million. Revises to increase federal authorization by up to \$10.0 million, state restricted authorization by up to \$3.0 million, and private authorization by up to \$1.0 million.

Executive revises, House concurs.

Sec. 212. Expenditure Posting on Internet – RETAINED

Requires expenditures to be reported on the internet on a searchable website, including specific expenditure information.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 213. Restricted Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances – REVISED

Requires annual report on fund balances, revenues, and expenditures for state restricted funds for previous and current fiscal years.

Executive deletes, House revises report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205.

Sec. 214. Website Scorecard – RETAINED

Requires department to maintain on a publicly accessible website a department scorecard with key metrics concerning the department's performance.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 215. Identification of Legacy Costs – DELETED

Estimates annual appropriations for legacy costs, including pension-related legacy costs and health care-related legacy costs.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

Sec. 217. FTE Vacancies and Remote Work Report – REVISED

Requires department to report on 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. Revised to remove remote work provisions.

Executive revises, House concurs and revises report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205.

Sec. 218. Remote Working – RETAINED

States legislative intent to prioritize in-person work for the state's workforce where possible unless they were working remotely prior to February 28, 2020.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 219. State Administrative Board Transfers – DELETED

Allows legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers appropriated funds. (*Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.*)

Executive deletes, House concurs.

Sec. 221. Receipt and Retention of Reports – RETAINED

Requires department to receive and retain copies of all reports.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 222. Report on Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Affecting Department – RETAINED

Requires 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 deletes, House retains.

Sec. 223. Severance Reporting – REVISED

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

Executive deletes, House revises to remove internet posting requirement.

Sec. 224. 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 deletes, House concurs.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 225. *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 deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.*)

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 226. *Access to State and Local Services* – NEW

Prohibits appropriations from being used to restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to restrict or impede community access to government programs; or restrict an individual's ability to exercise the right to reproductive freedom; requires local governments to report on actions that attempt to restrict duties of local health officers.

Executive adds new section, House concurs.

Sec. 229. *Energy and Noise Efficiency* – NEW

Requires preference for goods and services that are energy efficient and noise efficient.

House adds new section.

Sec. 240. *Office of the State Archaeologist* – NEW

Establishes an Office of the State Archaeologist and outlines six FTE positions.

House adds new section.

Sec. 241. *Incident Management Team Notification* – DELETED

Requires department to notify local legislators when Incident Management Team has been activated in their district.

Executive deletes, House concurs.

Sec. 252. *Invasive Species Fund* – NEW

Authorizes department to expend the Invasive Species Fund for invasive species response efforts; requires report to legislature.

Executive adds new section, House concurs.

Sec. 304. *Receive and Expend for Carbon Offset Credits* – NEW

Authorizes department to receive and expend revenues to pay vendors for administering carbon offset credits.

Executive adds new section, House concurs.

Sec. 408. *Land Transactions* – RETAINED

Requires detailed report to legislature by October 21 on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.

Executive deletes, House retains and revises due date to December 1.

Sec. 506. *USDA Wildlife Services Deer Harvesting* – DELETED

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

Executive deletes, House concurs.

Sec. 802. *Timber Marking* – REVISED

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

Executive deletes, House revises to annual report.

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 retains.

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 retains.

Sec. 903. *Body Cameras for Conservation Officers* – DELETED

Requires appropriation to be expended on body cameras for conservation officers.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 1201. *Chronic Wasting Disease Testing* – DELETED

Requires appropriation to be used for provision of CWD check stations or drop stations in core CWD areas, management zones, or surveillance areas before the 2023 hunting season.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 1201. Work Project – Aggregate Mapping – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds for Aggregate Mapping totaling \$5.0 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to map aggregate deposits of this state.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1202. Work Project – Great Lakes Research Vessel – DELETED

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.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 1202. Work Project – AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds for AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative totaling \$100 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to restore and maintain fisheries, habitats, and ecosystems in the AuSable River and Manistee River.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1203. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers, One-Time – DELETED

Requires one-time funding to be used for body cameras for conservation officers.

Executive deletes, House retains.

Sec. 1204. Work Project – Forest Land Management Equipment – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds for Forest Land Management Equipment totaling \$2.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to acquire new forest land management equipment.

Executive adds new section, House concurs.

Sec. 1205. Invasive Species Prevention and Control Fund Deposit – NEW

Deposits \$5.0 million GF/GP for Invasive Species Prevention and Control into the Invasive Species Fund.

Executive adds new section, House concurs.

Sec. 1206. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Deposit – NEW

Deposits \$5.4 million GF/GP to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1207. Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund Deposit – NEW

Deposits \$8.2 million GF/GP to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1208. Work Project – Office of the State Archaeologist One-Time – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds for Office of the State Archaeologist One-Time totaling \$1.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support the office of the state archaeologist.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1209. Outdoor Recreation Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation – NEW

Requires department to expend funds in part 1 to establish a grant program to encourage the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters, fishers, boaters, shooters, and birders.

House adds new section.

Sec. 1208. Work Project – State Water Trail Organizations – NEW

Authorizes unexpended funds for State Water Trail Organizations totaling \$250,000 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support state water trail organizations.

House adds new section.