

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Summary of FY 2020-21 Enacted
Public Act 166 of 2020 (House Bill 5396, Article 11)**

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IDG/IDT	FY 2019-20 YTD as of 2/6/20	FY 2020-21 Enacted	Difference: Enacted From FY 2019-20 YTD	
			Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$197,200	\$203,100	\$5,900	3.0
Federal	75,501,200	88,453,700	12,952,500	17.2
Local	0	0	0	--
Private	7,431,600	7,439,200	7,600	0.1
Restricted	308,570,400	322,800,800	14,230,400	4.6
GF/GP	46,985,000	50,697,300	3,712,300	7.9
Gross	\$438,685,400	\$469,594,100	\$30,908,700	7.0
FTEs	2,340.1	2,352.1	12.0	0.5

Notes:

- (1) FY 2019-20 year-to-date figures are as of release of the executive budget on February 6, 2020 and do not include mid-year budget adjustments.
- (2) Appropriation figures include all proposed appropriation amounts and amounts designated as "one-time."
- (3) Because of revenue uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, separate FY 2020-21 budget bills were not passed by the House or the Senate.

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 2019-20 YTD Appropriations	FY 2019-20 Year-to-Date (as of 2/6/20)	FY 2020-21 Enacted Change
1. Milliken Visitors Center (One-Time)	Gross	NA
Appropriates \$2.5 million GF/GP for the construction of a new visitors center on Mackinac Island including indoor and outdoor exhibits.	GF/GP	\$2,500,000
2. Local Marine Patrol Grants	Gross	NA
Includes \$1.8 million GF/GP for grants to local law enforcement to enforce no wake zones in an effort to mitigate high water impacts on infrastructure.	GF/GP	\$1,750,000
3. Michigan Conservation Corps	Gross	NA
Adds \$934,400 GF/GP 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. The program was last funded in FY 2018-19.	GF/GP	\$934,400
4. Wildlife Management	FTE	221.5
Reduces Wildlife Management by \$495,000 GF/GP. The addition of \$505,000 to offset the anticipated loss of revenue due to discounting antlerless deer licenses in the northeast Lower Peninsula is exceeded by a reduction of \$1.0 million.	Gross	(\$495,000)
	Federal	25,377,200
	Private	315,700
	Restricted	15,422,400
	GF/GP	\$4,765,700

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5. Deer Habitat Partnership Improvement Initiative		Gross	\$300,000
Expands funding for the Deer Habitat Partnership Improvement Initiative by \$145,800 GF/GP to provide grants through the Northern Lower Peninsula Deer Private Land Assistance Network.		Restricted	200,000
		GF/GP	\$100,000
			\$145,800
6. General Law Enforcement		FTE	293.0
Reflects a travel cost savings of \$91,700 GF/GP for DNR law enforcement due to permanently stationing Conservation Officers at Belle Isle State Park rather than requiring travel from other duty stations.		Gross	\$44,784,100
		Federal	6,648,100
		Restricted	25,682,400
		GF/GP	\$12,453,600
			(\$91,700)
7. Good Neighbor Program – Forest Management and Timber Market Development		FTE	178.0
Expands the Good Neighbor Program by adding \$8.1 million of available federal funding and 7.0 FTE positions to support increasing timber sales and forest resources management activities.		Gross	\$35,061,700
		Federal	2,236,000
		Private	930,400
		Restricted	31,895,300
		GF/GP	\$0
			\$0
			7.0
			\$8,143,400
8. Newberry Mass Timber Building (Capital Outlay)		Gross	NA
Adds \$5.0 million from the Forest Development Fund for the construction of a facility in Luce County for departmental staff and storage. The building would replace existing leased and outdated facilities.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			\$5,000,000
			\$0
9. Shooting Range Development, Enhancement, and Restoration (One-Time)		Gross	NA
Appropriates \$4.4 million Gross for maintenance of existing and development of new archery and firearm ranges throughout Michigan.		Federal	NA
		Private	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			4,000,000
			400,000
			\$0
10. Fish Hatchery Infrastructure (Capital Outlay)		Gross	NA
Authorizes expenditure of \$2.5 million from the Game and Fish Protection Fund for infrastructure maintenance, energy efficiency, and biosecurity at Michigan's six fish hatcheries.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			2,500,000
			\$0
11. Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition (Capital Outlay)		Gross	NA
Appropriates \$1.0 million of available Waterfowl Hunt Stamp revenue for wetland enhancement and waterfowl habitat maintenance.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			1,000,000
			\$0
12. Forest Fire Equipment		Gross	NA
Appropriates \$1.0 million from the Forest Development Fund for fire equipment maintenance and acquisition.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			1,000,000
			\$0
13. State Park Employee Retention Initiative		FTE	NA
Includes an additional \$567,800 of restricted funding and 4.0 FTE positions for Forest Recreation & Trails, Recreational Boating, and State Parks to create park supervisor roles and paths for career advancement.		Gross	NA
		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			567,800
			\$0
			4.0
14. Forestry Investment (One-Time)		Gross	NA
Appropriates \$500,000 from the Forest Development Fund for research on maintenance and health of white cedar forests in Michigan.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			500,000
			\$0
15. Wildfire Equipment Mechanic – Wildfire Protection		FTE	114.0
Adds \$375,000 from the Forest Development Fund and 1.0 FTE position to the Wildfire Protection program for a mechanic to maintain fire equipment inventory.		Gross	\$14,320,200
		Federal	1,357,500
		Restricted	6,661,900
		GF/GP	\$6,300,800
			375,000
			\$0

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16. Belle Isle Park – State Parks	FTE	715.6
Adds \$200,000 from the Park Improvement Fund, Belle Isle Subaccount to State Parks for operation and maintenance of Belle Isle Park. Additional revenue is available from the Belle Isle Grand Prix.	Gross	\$75,592,600
	Federal	141,400
	Private	428,100
	Restricted	72,496,900
	GF/GP	\$2,526,200
		200,000
		\$0
17. Marketing and Outreach	FTE	80.8
Expands departmental marketing and outreach by adding \$173,600 from the Sportsmen Against Hunger Fund. Additional spending authority would be used to cover costs related to providing donated venison to local food banks and shelters.	Gross	\$14,166,300
	Federal	1,694,800
	Restricted	12,194,500
	GF/GP	\$277,000
		173,600
		\$0
18. Capital Outlay Adjustments	Gross	NA
Reflects adjustments of \$3.1 million to annual capital outlay appropriations for boating infrastructure, state parks maintenance, and state forest infrastructure to align spending with available revenue.	Restricted	NA
	GF/GP	NA
		(\$3,125,000)
		(3,125,000)
		\$0
19. Removal of FY 2019-20 One-Time Funding	Gross	NA
Removes \$2.2 million GF/GP for the Wildlife and Fisheries Health Study (PFAS) and wildlife management (CWD) included in the FY 2019-20 budget.	GF/GP	NA
		(\$2,200,000)
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20. Technical Adjustments	Gross	NA
Increases DNR budget by \$159,000 Gross to align appropriations with available private and restricted funding.	IDG	NA
	Private	NA
	Restricted	NA
	GF/GP	NA
		\$159,000
		200
		(396,200)
		555,000
		\$0
21. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA
Reflects increased costs of \$7.5 million Gross (\$1.2 million GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (2.0% on October 1, 2020 and 1.0% on April 4, 2021), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments.	IDG	NA
	Federal	NA
	Private	NA
	Restricted	NA
	GF/GP	NA
		\$7,471,400
		5,700
		809,100
		3,800
		5,484,000
		\$1,168,800

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2019-20

A specific listing of boilerplate sections deemed unenforceable was not provided. Rather, the governor's signing letter generally stated that sections violating the following provisions of the Michigan Constitution are unenforceable:

- Article 3, Section 2: Separation of Powers of Government
- Article 4, Section 22 and Article 4, Section 33: An attempt to authorize legislation other than by bill
- Article 4, Section 24: No law shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title
- Article 4, Section 25: Amendment by reference
- Article 4, Section 53: Duties of the Auditor General
- Article 5, Section 28: Duties of the State Transportation Commission

Where a specific section was provided as an example in the signing letter, it is noted in the boilerplate section description below. This document will be updated upon the receipt of a more comprehensive list of unenforceable boilerplate sections.

Sec. 216. FTE Vacancies and Remote Work Report – NEW

Requires the department to report quarterly 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.

Sec. 217. Expending Available Work Project Authorization – NEW

Advises the department not to expend appropriations in part 1 until existing work project authorization for the same purpose has been expended.

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Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – NEW

Allows the legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers funds appropriated in part 1.

Sec. 219. Receipt and Retention of Reports – NEW

Requires the department to receive and retain copies of all reports funded in part 1.

Sec. 220. Report on Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Affecting Department – NEW

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.

Sec. 409. Report on Portage Restaurant – NEW

Requires the department to report on the current and planned future use of the Portage Restaurant at Presque Isle State Harbor in Presque Isle County.

Sec. 410. Report on Use of Lands Acquired Since January 2019 – NEW

Requires the department to report on lands acquired since January 2019 and their respective planned uses. Report is due November 1, 2020.

Sec. 504. Cervid Operation Fees – DELETED

Requires report on use of registration fees from privately owned cervid operations.

Sec. 507. Antlerless Deer License Discounts – NEW

Permits the 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 in part 1 to supplant lost revenue that would otherwise be collected from full-price antlerless deer licenses sold in the northeast Lower Peninsula; permits the department to terminate the license discount once lost revenue reaches \$505,000.

Sec. 1002. Water Trail Grants – DELETED

Requires the department to collaborate with Waterways Commission to develop a plan to incorporate grants for state-designated water trails as a part of the Waterways Grant Application Program.

Sec. 1002. Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative Earmark – NEW

Earmarks \$145,800 from the Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative in part 1 to provide grants through the Northern Lower Peninsula Deer Private Land Assistance Network.

Sec. 1003. Local Marine Patrol Grants – NEW

Directs expenditure of funding for Local Marine Patrol Grants in part 1 for grants to local law enforcement to enforce no wake zones in an effort to mitigate high water impacts on infrastructure; limits individual grants to not more than \$100,000.

Sec. 1202. Lake Level Assessment Reimbursements – DELETED

Allocates \$35,000 of the Finance and Operations appropriation to reimburse qualifying costs related to lake level assessments.

Sec. 1203. Wildlife Management – DELETED

Authorizes unexpended funds appropriated for Wildlife Management to be considered work project appropriations and carried forward until projects have been completed. Projects will be accomplished using state resources, contracts, and/or grants and have a tentative completion date of September 30, 2022.

Sec. 1206. Wildlife and Fisheries Health Study – DELETED

Requires the department to use funds appropriated to investigate the effect of PFAS contamination on Michigan's wildlife and fisheries populations.

FY 2019-20 Supplemental Boilerplate Items

Public Act 166 of 2020 (House Bill 5396, Article 14)

Sec. 551. Coronavirus Relief Fund Appropriation Reduction

Reduces appropriation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, made under section 302 of 2020 PA 67 for hazard/premium pay for front line workers, by \$146,000.