



FY21 Request to the Joint Finance Committee

February 18, 2020

DuPont Nature Center near Milford

Land



105,118

Acres of land managed in 36 state parks and wildlife areas



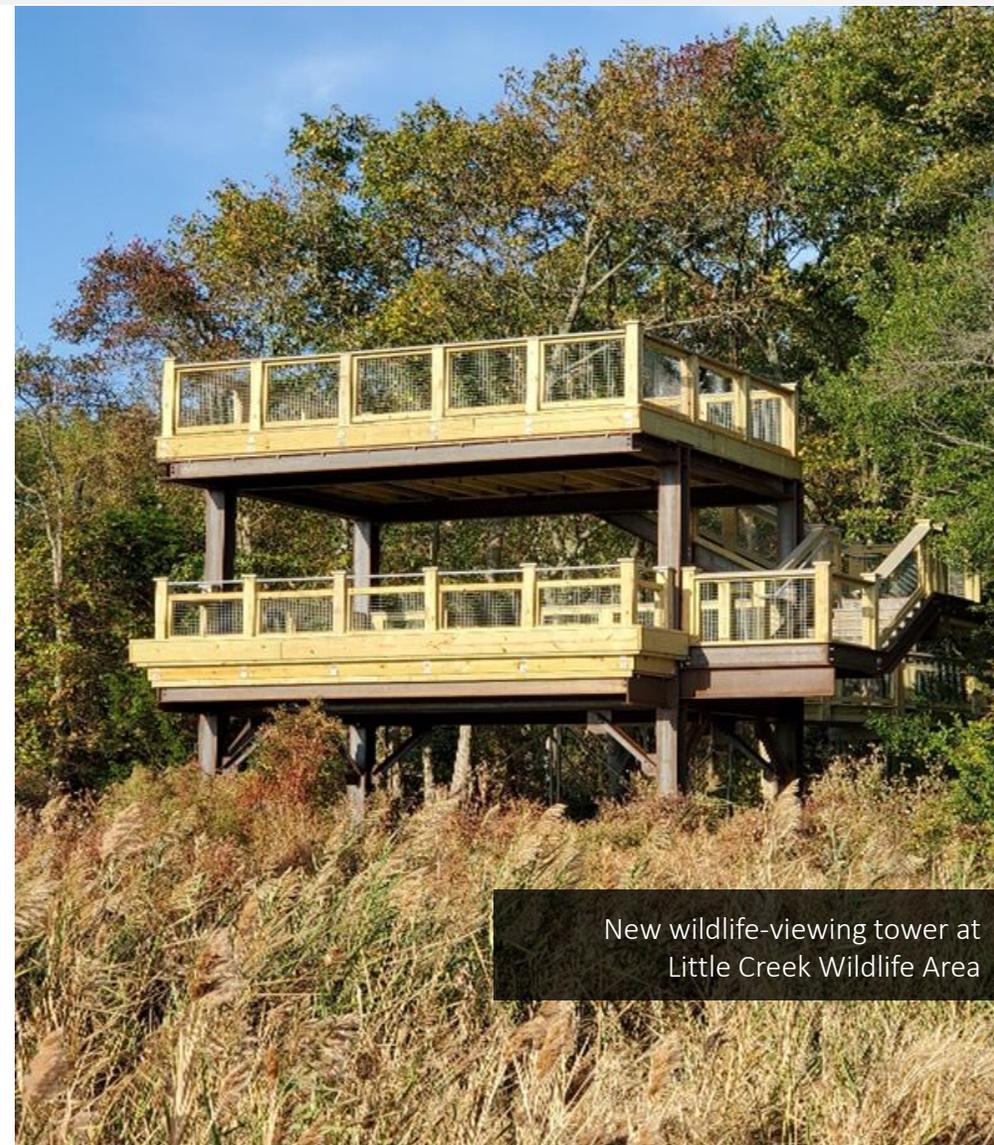
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Miles of tax ditches administered



2,883

Tons of scrap tires cleaned up FY19



New wildlife-viewing tower at Little Creek Wildlife Area

Water



330,865

Tons of sediment kept from stormwater prior to discharge to waterways
FY19



90%

Percentage of well permits issued in 10 days and septic permits issued in 12 days
FY19



184

Navigational aids placed and maintained in the Inland Bays for boating



Delaware-surf-fishing.com photo

Air



11

Air quality monitoring stations



970

Ambient air samples collected and analyzed FY19



74%

Reduction in average annual ozone exceedance days 2005-2009 vs. 2015-2019



Air monitoring station near Seaford

Jobs



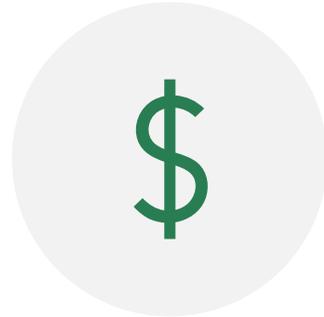
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Sites covered under Coastal Zone Conversion Permit regulations completed September 2019



34

Certificates of Completion of Remedy issued for brownfields FY19



\$40.02

Economic return on investment for every \$1 invested in state parks



New Lidl grocery store in Dover built on a certified brownfield

Delaware State News photo

Fun



133,948

Hunting and fishing licensees and license-exempt participants 2019



111,823

Camping and cabin overnight stays FY19



2,624

Boating safety certifications in FY19



Health



405

Emergency responses to environmental incidents
FY19



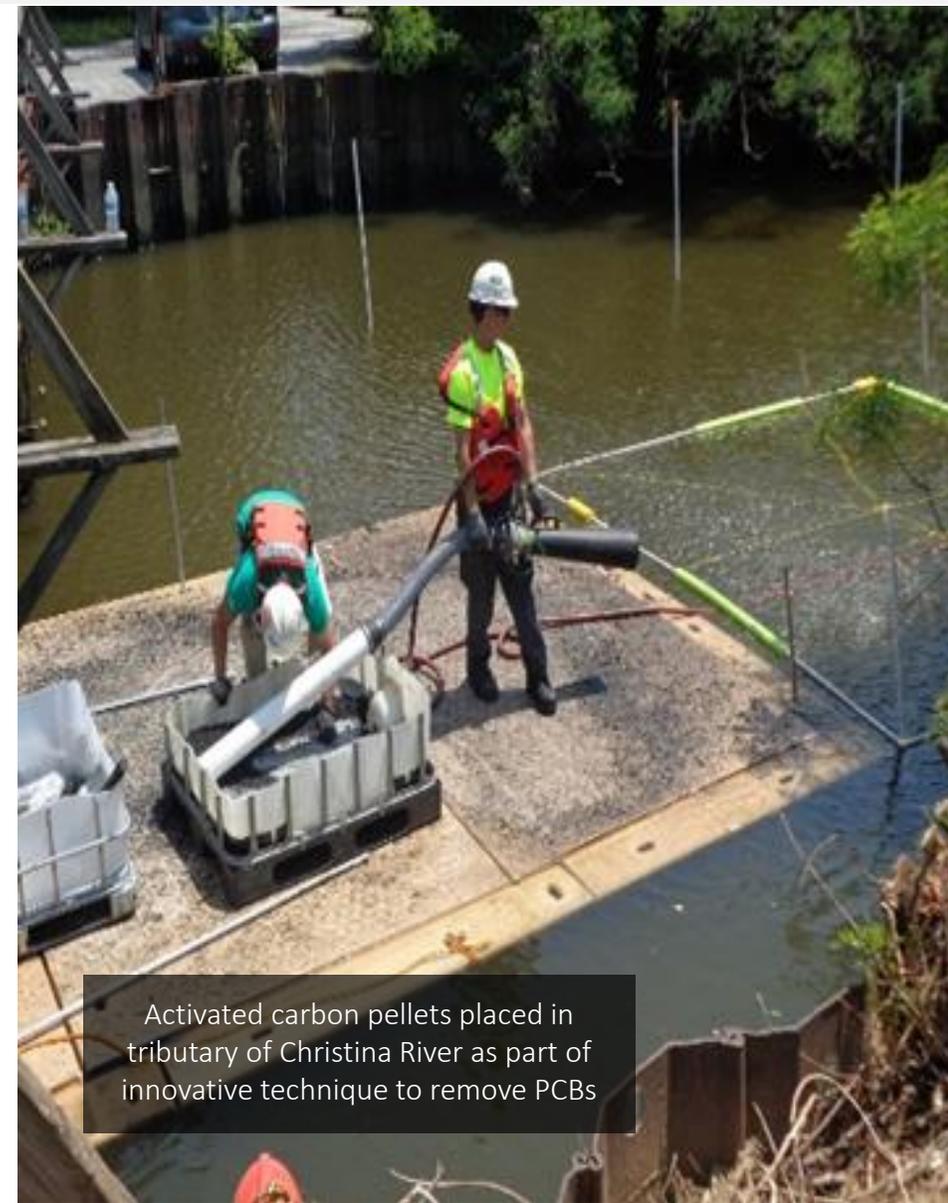
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Miles of trails maintained



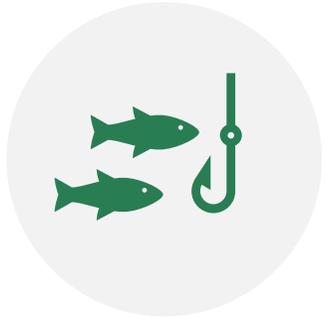
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Tons of carbon pellets sprayed into Wilmington's A Street Ditch in a pilot project to keep PCBs out of the food chain
April 2019



Activated carbon pellets placed in tributary of Christina River as part of innovative technique to remove PCBs

Wildlife



215 ft.

Length of cruise ship added to artificial Redbird Reef in November 2019



76

Bald eagle nests in Delaware, up from 1 in 1975



8,566

Conservation Access Passes issued for vehicles to drive into wildlife areas FY19

Former cruise ship sunk to join one of the 14 Delaware artificial reefs that provide fish habitat and recreational diving opportunities



Whyy.org photo



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Dela-bear
chased



Agency



277,700

Online transactions for fishing, hunting and other permits and licenses
FY19



777,000

Documents converted to electronic format as part of a digitalization effort
FY19



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Pinnacle Award presented to destateparks.com by National Association of Government Web Professionals
2019

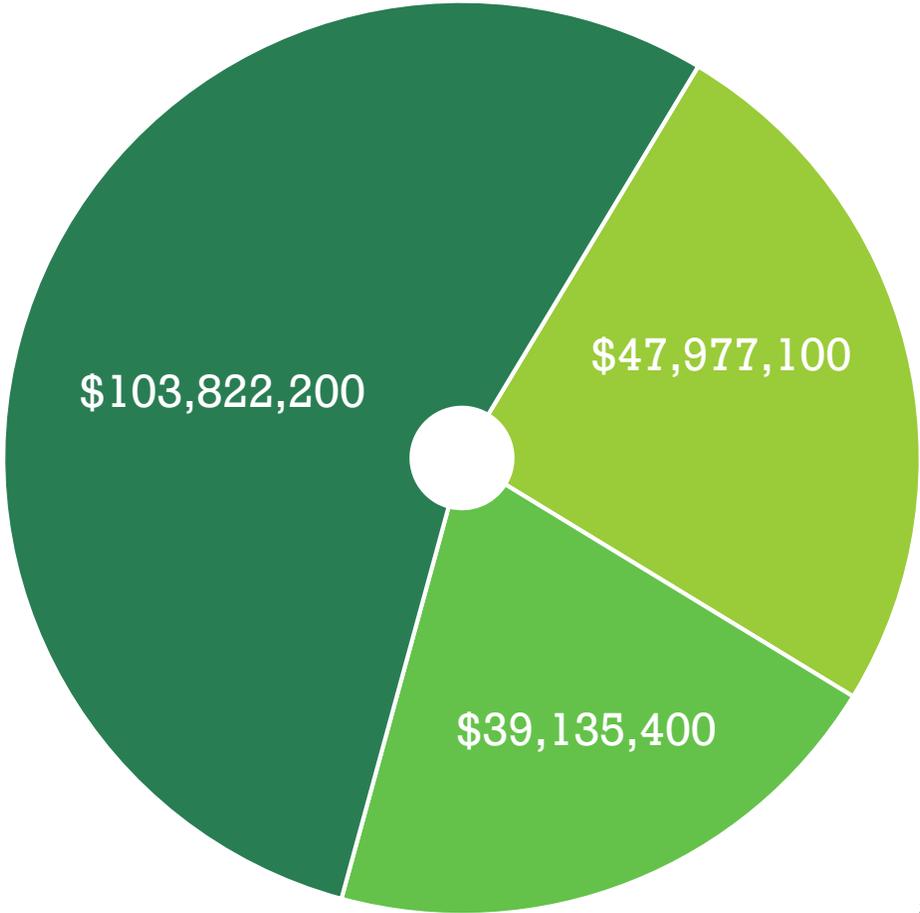


Funding Sources for FY21



Appropriated Special Funds

Collected revenues, fees and other charges by DNREC for its services, within spending limits set in the state budget



Non-Appropriated Special Funds

Primarily federal funds, with other non-recurring revenues, such as penalty funds, wetland mitigation/restoration settlements, donations



General Fund

Provided by the General Assembly and Governor as part of the state operating budget

General Fund History

FY21 proposed GF funding is \$39,135,400

In Millions



Authorized FTE Position History

Since 2009, -23.1% GF positions, -6.0% ASF positions, -5.4% NSF positions



New Items In FY21 GRB

Operations of Madagascar exhibit

Exhibit under construction at Brandywine Zoo with “Lemur Lookout” will require:

- Additional veterinary services and building maintenance, \$8,000
- Animal food cost and enrichment supplies, \$15,000
- Funding for 2 casual seasonal employees, \$46,500

Request: \$69,500 GF



New Items In FY21 GRB



“A Tree For Every Delawarean”

- Gov. Carney’s initiative to add a million trees to Delaware over 10 years
- First 100,000 native trees in FY21
- Part of Climate Plan

Request: \$100,000 GF



Climate Plan Implementation

- Comprehensive plan to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change, with strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Two new planners, greenhouse gas modeling, facilitating the planning process that kicks off in March

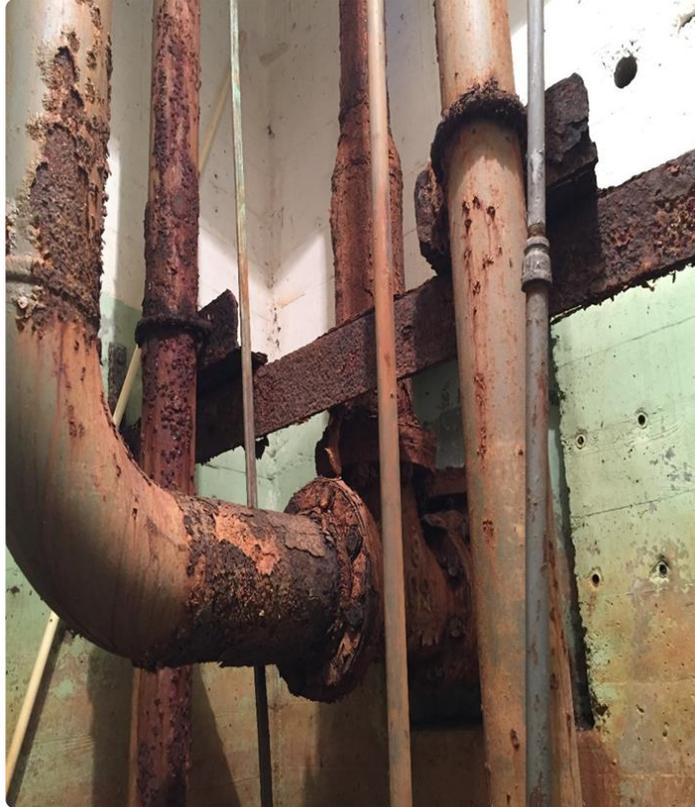
Request: \$148,500 GF, \$62,600 ASF
1.0 FTE GF, 1.0 FTE ASF

New Items In FY21 GRB

Cape Henlopen State Park wastewater

- Eliminate 50-year old plant in park by connecting to a wastewater system instead
- Avoids estimated \$7 million to replace plant
- Funding is for annual fees

Request: \$142,400 GF



New Items In FY21 GRB



Emerging Contaminant Action Strategy

- Statewide strategy for locating, addressing new sources of contamination
- Funding for analysis of 225 water tests
- One-time funding for mobile emergency carbon vessel and 100 home filter systems

Request: \$200,000 GF (\$150K FY21 only)



“Keep DE Litter Free” From Tires

- Additional nuisance tire sites being identified
- Environmental specialist funded by scrap tire fees needed to work on compliance

Request: \$57,700 ASF
1.0 FTE ASF

Overview of FY21 Bond Bill Request

Shoreline and Waterway Management	\$	5,000,000
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$	22,500,000
Park Facility Rehabilitation and Public Recreational Infrastructure	\$	6,500,000
Resource, Conservation and Development	\$	5,000,000
Tax Ditches	\$	1,148,700
Conservation Cost Share	\$	1,700,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$	100,000
Brandywine Zoo Master Plan Implementation	\$	2,000,000
Debris Pits	\$	500,000
Dikes/Dams	\$	1,000,000
Biden Center Renovations	\$	2,250,000
Delaware Bayshore Initiative	\$	500,000
Redevelopment of Strategic Sites (Fort DuPont)	\$	2,250,000
Total	\$	50,448,700

Our Employees, Volunteers & Partners



Thank You



Cub Scout Pack 252 volunteering their time to plant trees at the Blackbird Creek Reserve on National Estuaries Day 2019