

**FY 2018-19: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Summary: As Passed by the House**  
**Article XV, House Bill 5578 (H-1)**



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IDG/IDT	FY 2017-18 YTD as of 2/7/18	FY 2018-19 Executive	FY 2018-19 House	FY 2018-19 Senate	FY 2018-19 Enacted	Difference: House From FY 2017-18 YTD	
						Amount	%
	\$232,200	\$232,200	\$232,200			\$0	0.0
<b>Federal</b>	70,095,700	81,731,600	81,731,600			11,635,900	16.6
<b>Local</b>	0	0	0			0	--
<b>Private</b>	7,446,000	7,431,400	7,431,400			(14,600)	(0.2)
<b>Restricted</b>	274,248,500	299,965,800	299,965,800			25,717,300	9.4
<b>GF/GP</b>	57,971,100	47,344,300	46,744,300			(11,226,800)	(19.4)
<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$409,993,500</b>	<b>\$436,705,300</b>	<b>\$436,105,300</b>			<b>\$26,111,800</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	2,267.8	2,333.3	2,328.3			60.5	2.7

Notes: (1) FY 2017-18 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 7, 2018. (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 the DNR.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2017-18 YTD Appropriations	FY 2017-18 Year-to-Date (as of 2/7/18)		FY 2018-19 House Change
	<b>1. Wildlife Management</b>	FTE	218.5
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional 3.0 FTEs and \$1.6 million GF/GP for the wildlife management program. New funding will be used for lab technicians, testing costs and supplies, rapid response partnership with US Department of Agriculture, and veterinary diagnostic services. This increase will also support the DNR's bovine tuberculosis and deer management operations, including chronic wasting disease response and sharpshooting efforts. A one-time appropriation of \$1.0 million GF/GP for FY 2017-18 has been moved to ongoing for FY 2018-19. <u>House</u> concurs.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$42,932,700</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>
	Federal	24,954,900	0
	Private	315,700	0
	Restricted	14,836,900	0
	GF/GP	\$2,825,200	\$1,600,000
<b>2. General Law Enforcement – Conservation Officers</b>	FTE	284.0	5.0
<u>Executive</u> provides 10.0 FTEs and \$1.5 million GF/GP to support a Conservation Officer (CO) school and the 10 newly commissioned COs. There are 232 COs currently serving; these officers enforce natural resources (game, fish, forestry), environmental pollution, and outdoor recreation (boating, hunting, ORV, snowmobile safety) laws. <u>House</u> provides 5.0 FTEs and \$750,000 GF/GP.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$42,435,200</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
	Federal	6,510,900	0
	Restricted	24,758,000	0
	GF/GP	\$11,166,300	\$750,000
<b>3. Tribal Consent Decree Renegotiation and Implementation</b>	FTE	NA	1.0
<u>Executive</u> provides 1.0 FTE and \$277,500 GF/GP (including \$37,500 in one-time GF/GP) to cover costs associated with negotiating and implementing a new Great Lakes Consent Decree. A new agreement between signatory tribes, Michigan, and the United States is needed to replace the expiring agreement that has governed the allocation, management, and regulation of Great Lakes fisheries in Michigan since 2000. <u>House</u> provides 1.0 FTE and \$150,000 GF/GP.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
	GF/GP	NA	\$150,000
<b>4. Historical Facilities System – Mackinac Island State Park</b>	FTE	13.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> adds \$200,000 GF/GP to increase support for maintenance costs at Mackinac Island State Park facilities. <u>House</u> adds \$100,000 GF/GP.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$1,583,700</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
	Restricted	1,583,700	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$100,000

		<b>FY 2017-18 Year-to-Date (as of 2/7/18)</b>	<b>FY 2018-19 House Change</b>
<b>Major Budget Changes From FY 2017-18 YTD Appropriations</b>			
<b>5. Local Public Recreation Development Grant (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$142,500</b>
<u>House</u> adds \$142,500 in one-time GF/GP for a grant to develop a boat launch at Long Lake in Alpena County.	GF/GP	NA	\$142,500
<b>6. Local Public Recreation Planning Grant (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<u>House</u> adds \$120,000 in one-time GF/GP for a grant to cover planning costs at Grindstone harbor in Huron County.	GF/GP	NA	\$120,000
<b>7. Wildlife and Fisheries Health Study</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$114,900</b>
<u>House</u> adds \$114,900 GF/GP for a study to investigate the effect of PFAS contamination on Michigan's wildlife and fisheries populations.	GF/GP	NA	\$114,900
<b>8. Grand River Dredging Project (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<u>House</u> adds a \$100 placeholder of one-time GF/GP for a study on the depth of the Grand River from Lake Michigan to the city of Grand Rapids and the cost of dredging that section of the river to a depth sufficient for recreational boat traffic.	GF/GP	NA	\$100
<b>9. Snowmobile Trail Groomer Pilot (One-Time)</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> provides \$200,000 from the snowmobile trail improvement fund to pilot a program aimed at developing a new snowmobile trail groomer to maintain state snowmobile trails.	Restricted	NA	200,000
<u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>10. Increased Camping Fee Revenue and Recreation Passport Sales</b>	FTE	NA	26.5
<u>Executive</u> provides 26.5 FTEs and \$4.1 million in additional restricted funding for departmental marketing and outreach, forest recreation and trails, recreational boating, state parks, and Recreation Passport local grants. Funding comes from increased camping fee revenue and Recreation Passport sales.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$4,075,000</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	4,075,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>11. Increased Off-road Vehicle Fee Revenue</b>	FTE	NA	2.0
<u>Executive</u> provides 2.0 FTEs and \$1.3 million in additional off-road vehicle (ORV) trail improvement funding for departmental administration, law enforcement, and ORV trail improvement grants. Funding comes from increased ORV fee revenue.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	1,300,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
<b>12. Removal of FY 2017-18 One-Time Funding</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$16,676,200</b>	<b>(\$16,676,200)</b>
<u>Executive</u> removes \$16.7 million Gross (\$15.7 GF/GP) for one-time projects included in the previous fiscal year's budget:	Restricted	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$15,676,200	(\$15,676,200)
State parks repair and maintenance			\$7,000,000
Trail development			5,000,000
Land ownership tracking system			2,900,000
Bay City state recreation area, playscape reconstruction			400,000
Onaway state park, pavilion reconstruction			400,000
Shooting range construction, repair, and maintenance			250,000
Swimmer's itch pilot program			250,000
Snowmobile local grants program (one-time)			226,200
Invasive species (one-time)			200,000
Mineral extraction summit			50,000
<u>House</u> concurs.			
<b>13. Capital Outlay Project Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>\$20,575,000</b>	<b>\$17,643,000</b>
<u>Executive</u> makes current services baseline adjustments to capital outlay projects by increasing federal and restricted funding for a net increase of \$17.6 million Gross. Adjustments include removing funding for East Tawas state harbor phase I as well as adding funding for forest development infrastructure, East Tawas state harbor phase III, Elmwood Township marina, Ottawa Brach marina, and Presque Isle Marina.	Federal	1,075,000	643,000
<u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	18,000,000	17,000,000
	GF/GP	\$1,500,000	\$0

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<b>14. Technical Adjustments</b>	FTE	NA	23.0
<u>Executive</u> increases DNR budget by 23.0 FTEs and \$12.8 million Gross (\$929,600 GF/GP) to align authorization with available funds and comply with organizational changes. Adjustments include transferring the Office of the Great Lakes from the DEQ to the DNR (Executive Order 2017-9) and transferring the Historical Marker program from the Michigan History Foundation.	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$12,814,700</b>
<u>House</u> concurs.	Federal	NA	10,556,000
	Private	NA	(15,000)
	Restricted	NA	1,344,100
	GF/GP	NA	\$929,600
<b>15. Economic Adjustments</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$3,777,800</b>
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$3.8 million Gross (\$542,300 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (2.0% ongoing), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, and other economic adjustments.	Federal	NA	436,900
<u>House</u> concurs.	Private	NA	400
	Restricted	NA	2,798,200
	GF/GP	NA	\$542,300

**Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2017-18**

**Sec. 218. Retention of Reports – RETAINED**

Requires DNR to retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 220. Disciplinary Action Against State Employees – RETAINED**

Prohibits DNR from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the Legislature and their staffs.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 221. Lake Level Assessment Reimbursements – NEW**

Designates \$35,000 from the finance and operations appropriation to reimburse qualifying costs related to lake level assessments.  
House adds new section.

**Sec. 251. Invasive Species Initiative – RETAINED**

Requires \$3.6 million for the Invasive Species Initiative be allocated as grants for prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 404. Museum Store Revolving Fund – DELETED**

States that contract expenditures for the museum store are exempt from the Management and Budget Act.  
Executive deletes, House concurs.

**Sec. 405. Proceeds from Artifact Auctions, Sales, or Transfers – RETAINED**

Funds received through the excess of unneeded artifacts by the Historical Museum are appropriated to the DNR to obtain other desired items for the State Historical Museum; allows carryforward of funds.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 406. Historical Program Fees – RETAINED**

Allows DNR to charge fees for historical program services such as document production, conferences, workshops, facilities, and museum admissions.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

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

Requires detailed report to Legislature on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 503. Invasive Species Order Enforcement – RETAINED**

Requires report on efforts taken to enforce the Natural Resources Commission's invasive species order concerning raising feral swine in Michigan.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 504. Cervid Operation Fees – RETAINED**

Requires report on the use of registration fees from privately owned cervid operations.  
Executive deletes, House retains.

**Sec. 505. Wildlife and Fisheries Health Study – NEW**

Requires the DNR to use funds appropriated in part 1 to investigate the effect of PFAS contamination on Michigan's wildlife and fisheries populations.  
House adds new section.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2017-18**

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

Directs Fisheries Division not to interfere with the certification process for dams and other water control structures. Executive deletes, House retains.

### **Sec. 808. Forest Management and Timber Market Development – RETAINED**

Requires DNR to use increased funding available from the increased timber harvest for the purpose of expanding the forest products economy, includes a departmental requirement to develop corresponding metrics to assess performance. Executive deletes, House retains.

### **Sec. 809. Wayne County Soil Mapping Program – NEW**

Designates \$25,000 from the cooperative resource program appropriation to fund the Wayne County soil mapping program. House adds new section.

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

Provides snowmobile law enforcement grant funds to county law enforcement agencies in counties with state snowmobile trails. Executive deletes, House concurs.

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

Requires report on the Marine Safety Grant Program. Report to include watercraft registrations revenues; revenues and expenditures of the Marine Safety Fund; grant distribution methodology; and a list of grant awards by county. Executive deletes, House retains.

### **Sec. 903. Conservation Officers – DELETED**

Directs the use of the increased appropriation in part 1 for conservation officers to hire, train, and equip 10 detectives and two support staff. Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1002. Silver Lake Law Enforcement Reimbursement – NEW**

Designates \$35,000 from the off-road vehicle trail improvement grants appropriation to reimburse local units of government for costs related to seasonal law enforcement at Silver Lake. House adds new section.

### **Sec. 1201. Swimmer's Itch Pilot Program – DELETED**

Designates \$250,000 GF/GP in part 1 to be distributed to a Michigan-based nonprofit organization for swimmer's itch mitigation and research and requires a progress report. Executive deletes, House concurs.

### **Sec. 1202. Grand River Dredging Project – NEW**

Directs the DNR to conduct a study on the depth of the Grand River from Lake Michigan to the city of Grand Rapids and the cost of dredging that section of the river to a depth sufficient for recreational boat traffic. House adds new section.

### **Sec. 1203. Local Public Recreation Development Grant – NEW**

Requires the DNR to use funds appropriated in part 1 for a local public recreation development grant to provide a grant to a local unit of government for the development of a boat launch Alpena County. House adds new section.

### **Sec. 1204. Local Public Recreation Planning Grant – NEW**

Requires the DNR to use funds appropriated in part 1 for a local public recreation planning grant to provide a grant to a local unit of government for planning and development costs at Grindstone harbor in Huron County. House adds new section.