



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

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# EGLE Mission

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's mission is to protect Michigan's environment and public health by managing air, water, land, and energy resources.



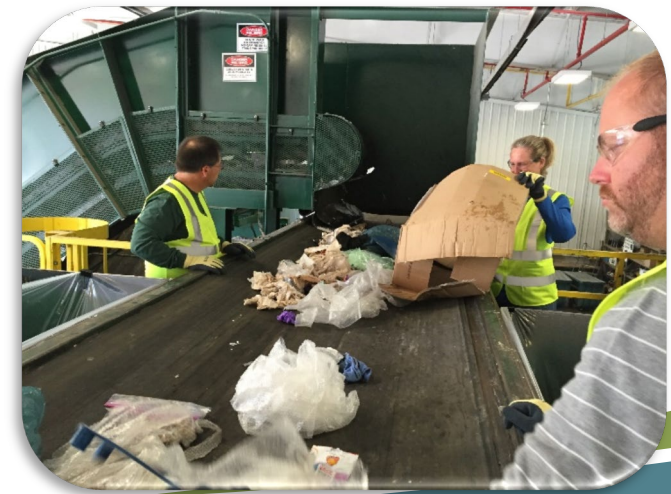
# EGLE Vision

A Michigan that respects people, treasures natural resources, and fosters thriving communities throughout our two peninsulas.



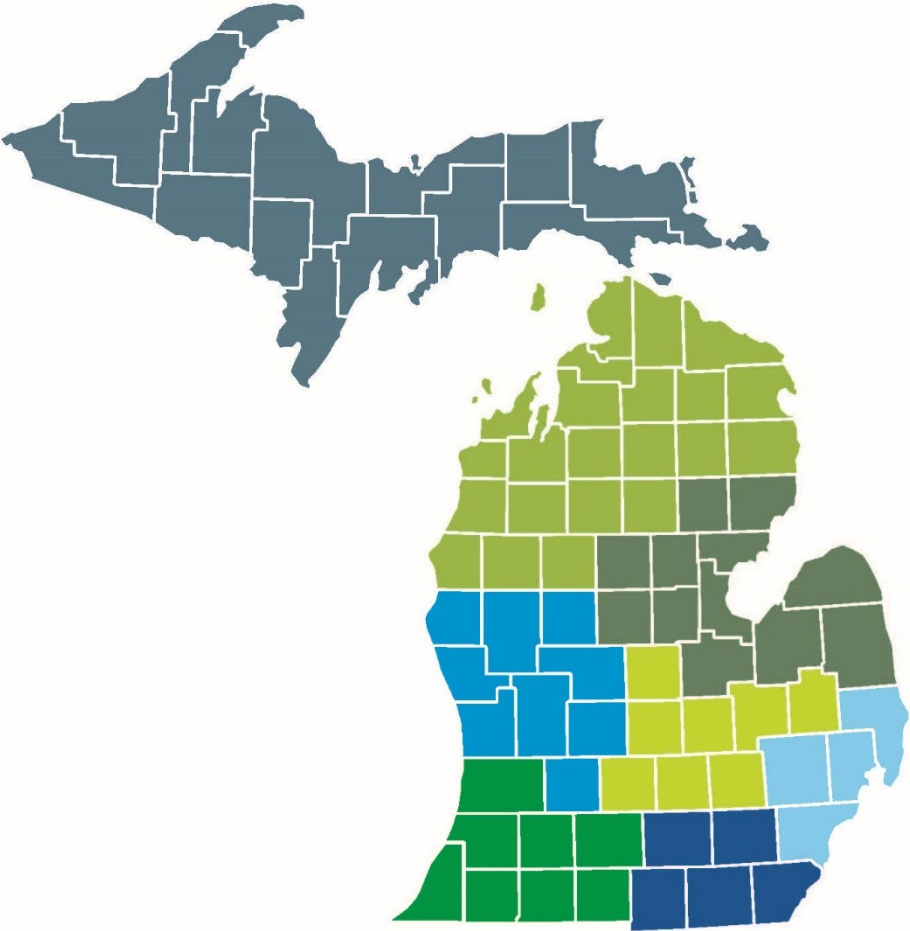
# EGLE Values

- EGGLE makes reasoned decisions
- EGGLE serves the public
- EGGLE communicates
- EGGLE leads
- EGGLE invests in our team

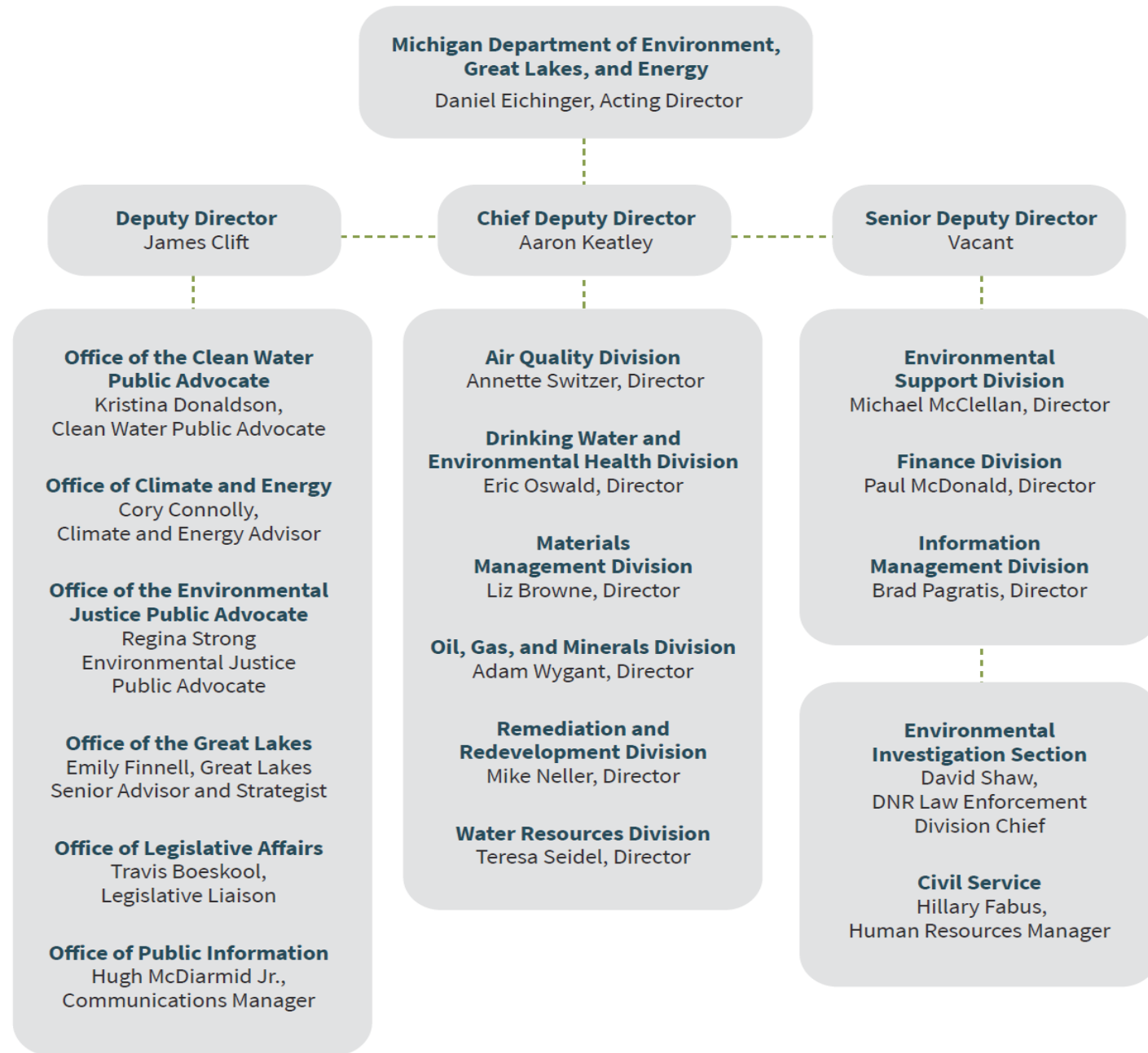


# EGLE Overview

- 1,350 Employees
- 9 Divisions
- 10 District Offices
  - Bay City
  - Cadillac
  - Detroit
  - Gaylord
  - Grand Rapids
  - Jackson
  - Kalamazoo
  - Lansing\*
  - Upper Peninsula (Marquette)
  - Warren
- Environmental Laboratory



\*Also, EGLE'S Main Office Location



# Air Quality Division

- Primarily operates under the federal Clean Air Act
- Assists entities in meeting federal air quality standards
- Addresses outdoor air pollution problems
- Evaluates and issues permits for new facilities



# Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division



- Oversees nearly 11,000 public water supplies
- Provides operator certification and training
- Licenses and approve design plans for campgrounds and swimming pools
- Oversees onsite wastewater program



# Materials Management Division

- Prevents waste releases to air, land, and water
- Authorizes infrastructure for recycling and disposal
- Builds partnerships for pollution prevention
- Emergency planning for nuclear power plants
- Technical assistance and grants for energy efficiency, renewable energy, vehicle electrification and EV infrastructure, pollution prevention and recycling.





# Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division



- Assures that development of oil, gas, and minerals is done in a manner that protects the environment, natural resources, and public health and safety
- Provides permitting, inspections, record keeping, and enforcement of:
  - Oil and gas drilling and production
  - Gas storage and Underground Injection Control
  - Mineral wells
  - Mines
  - Upper Peninsula Geological Repository

# Remediation and Redevelopment Division

- Oversees Michigan's environmental remediation and redevelopment programs
- Superfund program
- State drinking water and environmental laboratory
- Brownfield Redevelopment Program



# Water Resources Division

- Ensures Michigan's waters are safe and clean for recreating, fishing, and healthy aquatic ecosystems
- Administers:
  - Dam Safety Program
  - Groundwater Discharge Permits Program
  - Surface Water Quality Program
  - Water Resources Program
- Makes 10,000 permit decisions per year



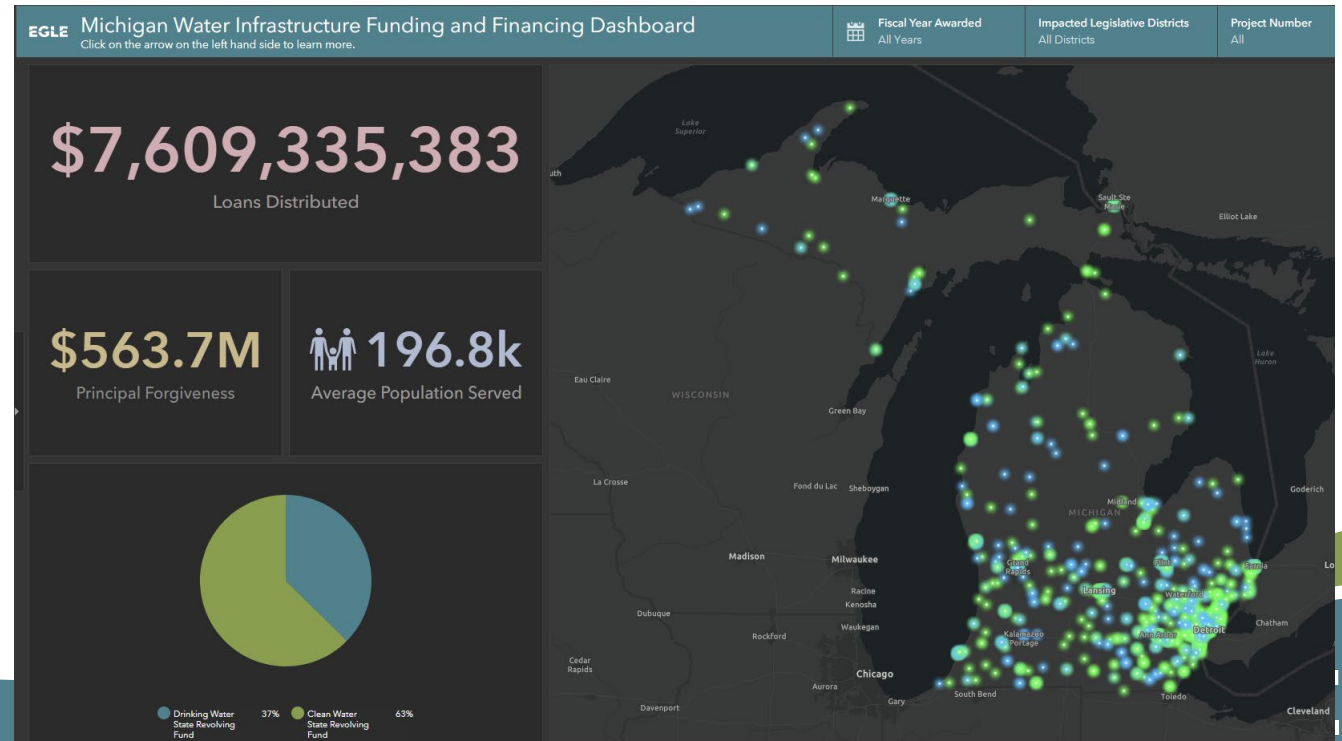
# Environmental Support Division

- Produces EGLE's proactive outreach efforts.
- Supports EGLE's programs, including hosting meetings, hearings, webinars and town halls.
- Houses EGLE's Environmental Assistance Center.
- Provides emergency management coordination.



# Finance Division

- Oversees all financial, budget and procurement aspects of EGLE, including the 2023 annual budget of almost \$729 million
- Issues water infrastructure funding and financing, including \$1.9 billion in ARP and BIL federal funding
- Provides Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Funding




# Information Management Division



- Works with EGLE divisions and DTMB to provide oversight, leadership, and support for IT initiatives.
- Coordinates Freedom of Information Act responses – 21,000 in 2022
- Responsible for web content, data management, GIS services, internal policy, and administrative rulemaking coordination.

# Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate

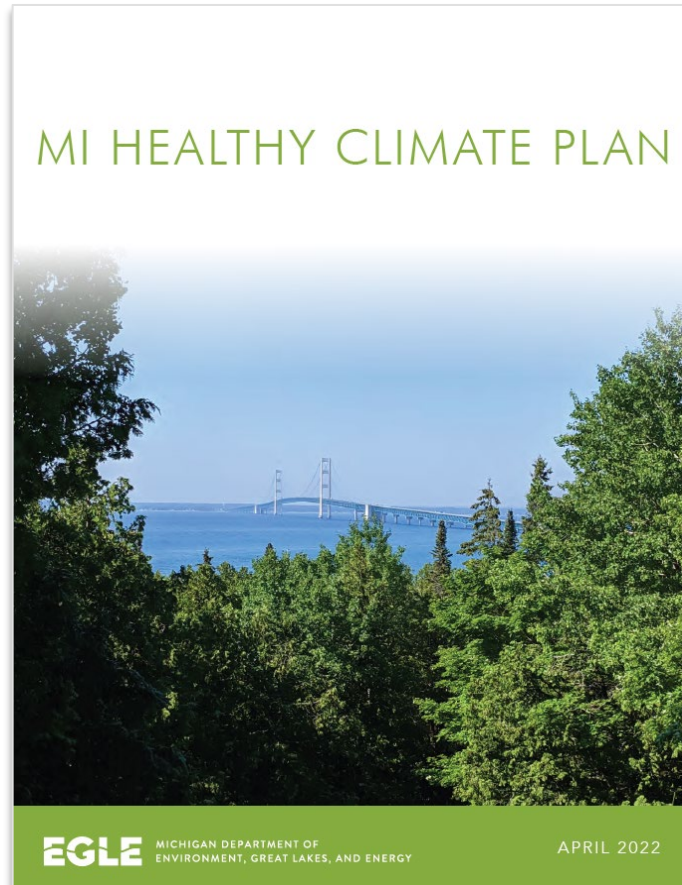


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The Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate (OCWPA) was created through Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2019-06](#). The Office operates as a type 1 agency within the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to elevate concerns and has a direct connection to the Governor's Office.

The OCWPA primarily serves as a resource and facilitator of communication between other offices, state agencies, community partners, and the public in issues related to drinking water. Exploring gaps and recommending potential improvements to policies, procedures, and regulations to support the continued improvement of Michigan's drinking water response and regulation is part of what we do as well. The OCWPA also ensures that the public can report drinking water concerns through the statewide concerns reporting system and that those concerns are heard and investigated by the appropriate entity.

# Office of Climate and Energy



The **Office of Climate and Energy** coordinates the state's efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 through development and implementation of the **MI Healthy Climate Plan** as ordered in Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-182 and Executive Directive 2020-10. The Office of Climate and Energy prepares an **Annual Report** regarding implementation of the Plan.

The **Council on Climate Solutions** continues to act in an advisory capacity in overseeing the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan.



# Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate

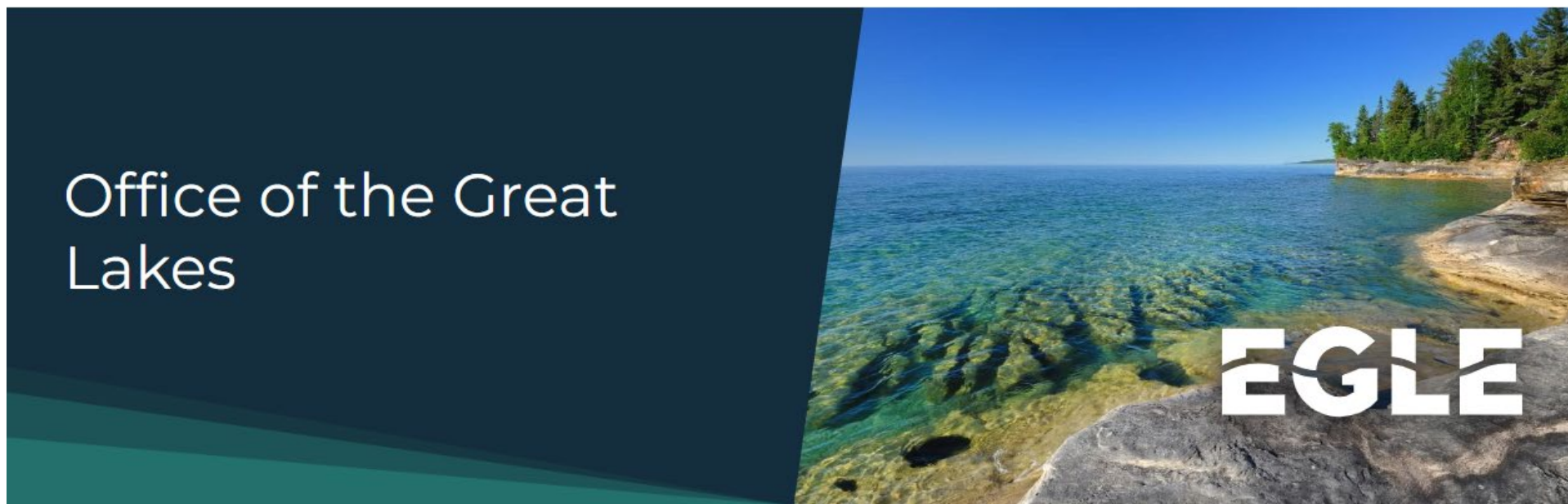
## Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate



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The Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate was created by Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2019-06](#) to serve as an external and internal advocate and catalyst for ensuring Environmental Justice throughout the state. Led by the Environmental Justice Public Advocate, [Regina Strong](#), the Office works collaboratively across state government to advance Environmental Justice and equity in Michigan, as well as addressing Environmental Justice concerns and complaints.

# Office of the Great Lakes



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As the Great Lakes State, Michigan upholds the highest standards for protecting, restoring, and sustaining the Great Lakes, the world's largest freshwater resource. The Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) is a leader in developing policy and implementing strategic programs to protect, restore, and sustain the Great Lakes watershed. The office collaborates with partner organizations to support sustainable water use and development of Great Lakes maritime resources; support vibrant and resilient communities; foster water stewardship; and advance science, research, and policy to solve the next generation of water challenges.

The Michigan Legislature created the office in 1985 under the Great Lakes Protection Act.

# Office of Legislative Affairs




# Office of Public Information

MI Environment

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MI Environment shares stories of EGLE in action in communities across Michigan, from hot topics and emerging issues to departmental news. All content is produced by engineers, scientists, specialists and analysts who work on the front lines at EGLE, protecting the health of Michigan's residents and environment.

 **Media Contacts**

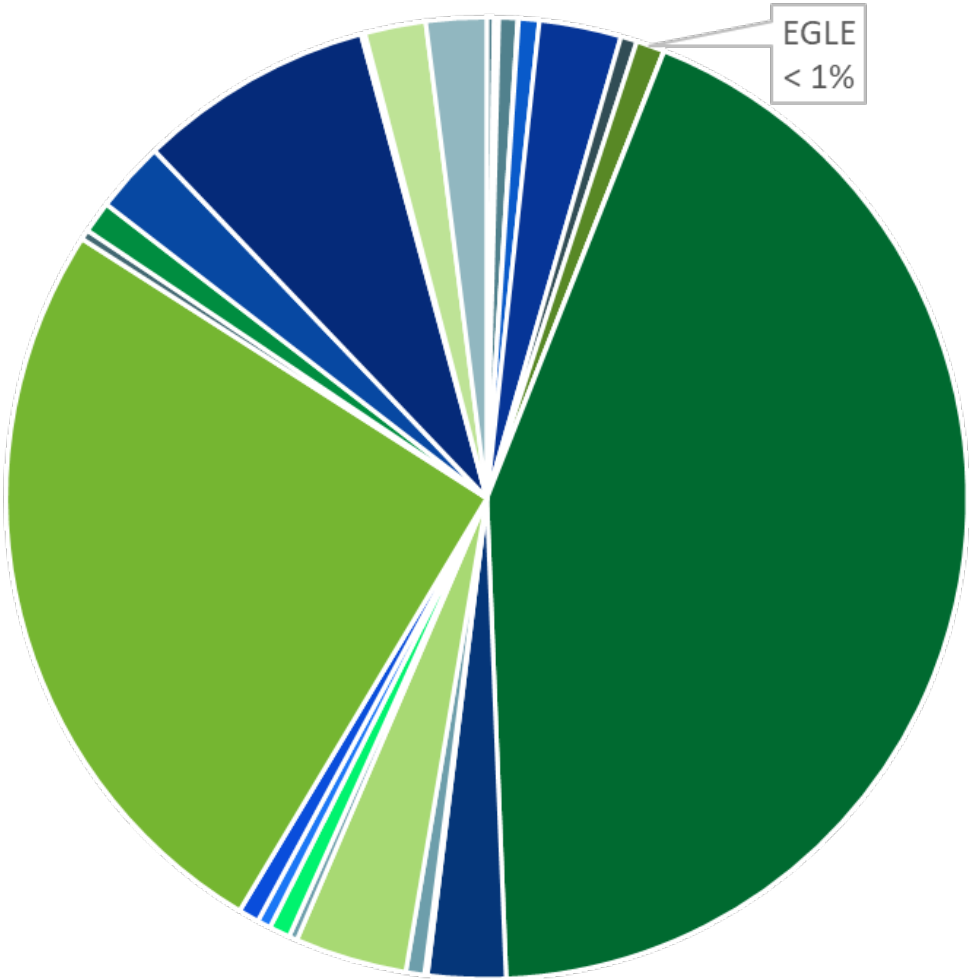
The image shows a screenshot of a website page. The top half features a dark teal background with the text 'MI Environment' in white. To the right is a photograph of pink tulips and a wooden windmill. The 'EGLE' logo is overlaid on the tulips. Below this is a white navigation bar with a home icon and the text '> Newsroom > MI Environment'. The main content area has a white background with a paragraph of text. On the right side, there is a dark circular icon containing a white person symbol, with the text 'Media Contacts' below it.

# Federal Delegations

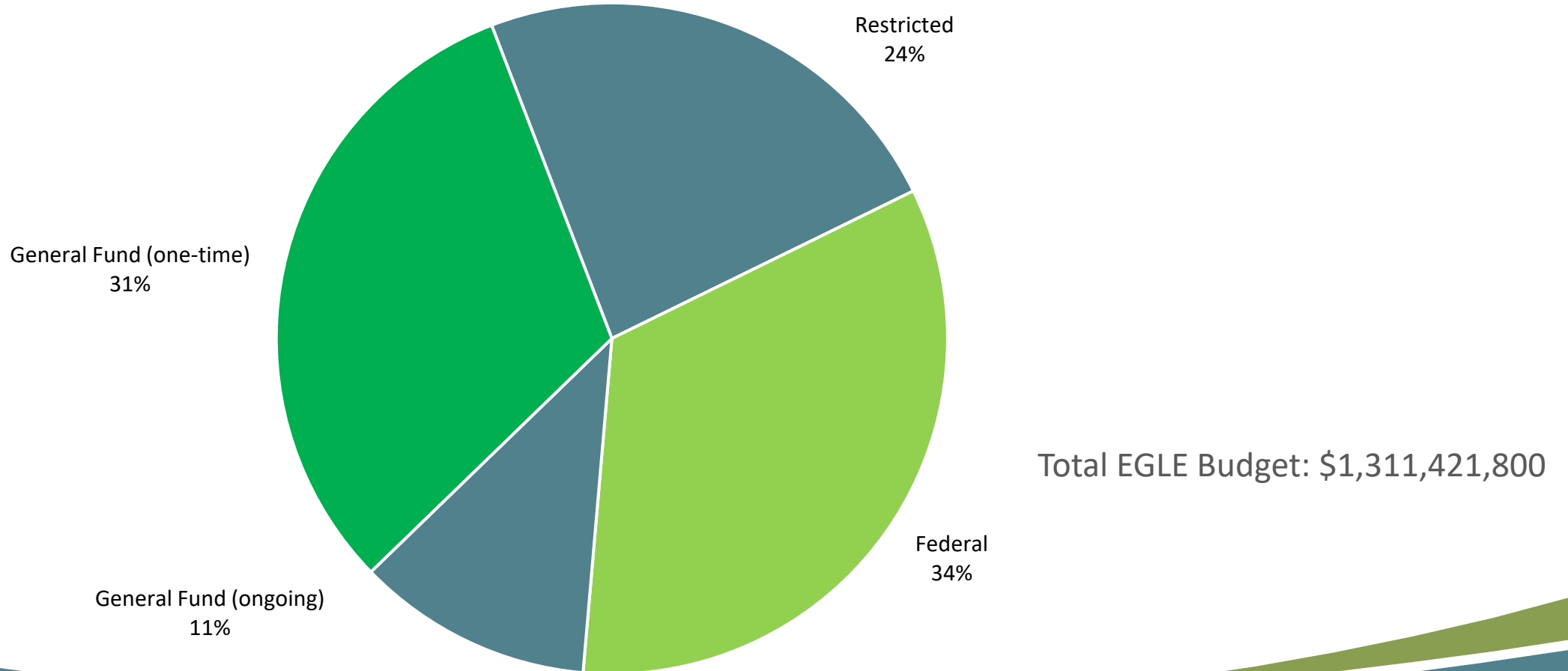
- Multiple programs implemented by or delegated to the EGLE to administer
- EGLE works closely with EPA on programs as well as permits
- Most significant and well known federally delegated/EGLE implemented acts:
  - Clean Air Act
  - Clean Water Act, Section 404 (including wetlands)
  - Safe Drinking Water Act
  - Hazardous Waste Program

# 2023 State of Michigan Budget

Total State Budget  
\$76.9 billion



# 2024 EGLE Executive Budget by Funding Source



# Priorities

- Investments in the Department
- Customer Service
- Contaminated Sites
- Water Infrastructure
- Environmental Justice
- MI Healthy Climate Plan

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