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Chairman Dan McGuire
House Finance Committee – Division I

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Thank you for inviting us to talk to you today about the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the work we have done so far to provide a responsible budget for the next few years. The Governor's budget reduces general funds overall by 3.79% and within that you will see that our agency made an 11% reduction to our general funds. We have gone from a general fund total of \$11,207,518 in fiscal year 2025 to a general fund total of \$9,955,788 in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,951,169 in fiscal year 2027.

The DNCR's entire budget for fiscal year 2026 and 2027 is about \$65M with a vast majority of our funding coming in through revenue. The remaining general funds after our 11% reduction is critical to maintain the federal match money available to provide important services to our constituents.

For instance, we are preserving the general fund allocation to the Division of Historical Resources to maintain the review and compliance program and Section 106. The loss of this program would stop all state and federal project permitting.

We are reducing the general fund allocation to the Arts by an additional \$110,000 in grants from the initial \$300,000 we submitted during the agency phase for FY 2026 and \$500,000 for FY 2027, making the total amount cut to equal \$410,000 in FY 2026 and \$610,000 in FY 2027. Additionally, we are Unfunding a vacant General Funded position, cutting another \$80,868 in FY 2026 and \$85,060 in FY 2027. With a staff of only seven, losing one full time employee creates a workload impact on the entire team.

With the reality that the State Library must show a specific amount allocated by the general fund to reach the threshold of eligibility to receive Federal Funding as required by the federal program, here we have focused on the Unfunding of two vacant General Funded positions totaling \$168,243 in FY 2026 and \$174,610 in FY 2027 combined with a General Fund cut of \$15,533 in FY 2026 and \$3,510 in FY 2027 of the publication budget. This combination of cuts will prevent us from losing our required federal funding match and will avoid the need for cutting critical services like our Interlibrary Loan Program or our Talking Books Program. If we have to make any further cuts, we will need to close public access to the main State Library

building for at minimum one day a week as additional positions would be cut, necessitating this drastic action.

The Division of Forests and Lands is home to our Forest Rangers who are General Funded. In September, we submitted a budget that Unfunds one vacant Forest Ranger position. Rather than cut the Rangers further (there are currently only 10) in order to meet further General Funded cut targets, we decided to shift the funding of three generally funded staff positions in the Forest Management Bureau to our revolving fund, Forest Management and Protection Fund. This fund is reliant on our division's own revenues from timber harvests on state lands under the management of this agency. The timber is sold to private logging companies and sawmills through a competitive bidding process. The revenue covers not only most of the forest management bureau staff, but also critical expenses such as vehicles and computer equipment for most of the Division. Besides being the primary funding source of the Forest Management Bureau, the timber sale program also has a significant economic impact on the public sector. On average, it generates \$160,000 of timber tax

annually distributed to the towns where the timber is harvested. Additionally, dozens of logging and trucking companies benefit as do the local sawmills that rely on state lands to procure their wood supply. Studies have shown an economic multiplier upwards of \$30 for every \$1 of revenue generated from the sale of timber.

Moving generally funded Forest Management Bureau positions to funding from timber sale revenue in the Forest Management and Protection Fund will reduce general fund costs by nearly \$520,000 in FY26/27.

There is strong concern, however, that we are now over-obligating the Forest Management & Protection Fund to take on more operational expenses than it can sustain over the long-term.

We have also considered shifting wildfire patrol position costs to federal funds. To cover these expenditures with federal grant funds, the fire tower positions would go unfunded and thereby eliminate 10 part-time seasonal Forestry Aide positions who staff the fire towers for fire detection. This would be in addition to not funding a full-time forest ranger position and reducing the wildfire flight detection budget by 62%. The current and proposed budget reductions will have an impact on the department's ability to provide wildfire detection, suppression, prevention, and forest law enforcement throughout the state.

While the Division of Parks and Recreation is operationally self-funded, they have stepped up to support the traditionally General Funded Bureau of Historic Sites. They will support this Bureau with \$506,646 and \$509,881 respectively for Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027. The impact, simply put, removes money the Parks System needs to keep up with maintenance, infrastructure improvements and their rainy-day fund in place to support the parks when the weather prevents revenue.

Finally, from the Commissioner's Office, we are proffering up a critical position, Unfunding our funded vacant in-house legal professional position. The DNCR is engaged in hundreds of contracts, leases and other complex scenarios with outside organizations regularly and depend heavily on the Office of the Attorney General legal counsel team to support us in these endeavors. In determining that it would be essential for us to have a full time dedicated legal representation resource to keep up in a timely fashion with our legal needs, to that end, we worked with DOJ to craft a position to support us internally and provide a more efficient tether to their department. Without this position we rely solely on the precious time assigned to us by DOJ. Filling this position would be a win-win for both agencies but we will have to wait until we can afford this opportunity.

I am proud of the hard work my team has taken on to bring forward a budget that while is a little painful, is in line with the goals of the state to ensure a fiscally responsible budget for the next biennium.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah L. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Sarah L Stewart, Commissioner
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

State of New Hampshire								
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) - Budget and Data Reference Summary								
DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - GOVERNOR PROPOSED FY 2026-2027								
Budget Summary (In Mil)	ACTUALS	ADJ AUTH	PROPOSED EFFICIENCY	PRIORITIZED NEEDS	PROPOSED EFFICIENCY	PRIORITIZED NEEDS	FY 2026 v FY2025	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		FY 2027			
General Funds	\$ 9.9	\$ 11.2	\$ 10.0	\$ -	\$ 10.0	\$ -	\$ (1.2)	
Federal Funds	\$ 7.2	\$ 9.0	\$ 6.0	\$ -	\$ 6.0	\$ -	\$ (3.0)	
Other Funds	\$ 44.7	\$ 49.6	\$ 49.1	\$ -	\$ 49.5	\$ -	\$ (0.5)	
Total	\$ 61.9	\$ 69.8	\$ 65.1	\$ -	\$ 65.5	\$ -	\$ (4.7)	
DEPARTMENT POSITION COUNTS DATA FY 2026-2027								
PROPOSED GOVERNORS POSITIONS				PROPOSED PRIORITIZED NEEDS		CAPITAL BUDGET - GOV PROPOSED (in Mil)		
Division	Classified	Unclassified	Sub-Total	Classified	Total	FY 2026-2027		
Commissioner's Office	24	1	25		25	State Parks	\$	0.5
Forest and Lands	51	1	52		52	Cannon Tramway	\$	20.0
State Parks	82	2	84		84	Land Reservations	\$	-
State Library	24	1	25		25	Historic Sites	\$	-
Arts Council	7	1	8		8	Trails Bureau/CLH	\$	1.4
Historical Resources	7	1	8		8	State Library	\$	-
Total Full Time Permanent	195	7	202	0	202		\$	21.9
Seasonal Pos Count Est: Winter - 290+ / Summer - 880+ / Part Time Est: 250+								
Full-Time Temp (9T) Position Request (FY 26-27): 31 (Parks, 25), (Comm, 3), (F&L, 3)								
DNCR SELECTED ASSET HOLDING STATISTICAL AND VALUE REFERENCE DATA								
STATE RESERVATIONS STEWARDSHIP DATA				DNCR FLEET		# vehicles		
Total Reservation and Easement Acreage Stewardship			524,544	Passenger Autos		3		
DNCR Reservations (acres)			169,414	Trucks		206		
Fish & Game Wildlife Management Areas (acres)			62,011	Vans / Buses		6		
Federal Flood Control Areas under Management License (acres)			13,446	Mobile Equipment		88		
Reservation Acreage			244,871	Snowmobiles / OHRV		130		
Conservation Easements Acreage			279,673	Total		433		
Miles of Boundary Line Maintained			1,100	DNCR BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE				
Average Acres Treated Annually			1,860	Total Buildings - Various Types		880		
Board Feet Timber Harvested Annually (10yr avg)			6.7 million	Total Sq Ft Buildings		870,335 ft		
Tons of Pulp Harvested Annually			24,500 tons	Building Value \$ (Millions)		\$59.18		
Tons of Biomass Chips Harvested Annually			27,500 tons	Roof Area Sq Ft		973,090 ft		
STATE PARKS & RECREATION HOLDINGS				Other Structures:				
Campgrounds / Sites			23 / 1,419	Pit Toilets		116		
Day Use Parks			38	Dams		26		
Historic Sites			19	Bridges		22		
Natural Areas / Waysides			8	Wells		92		
State Beaches (Lake & Ocean)			24	Septic Systems		147		
Ski Areas (Downhill & X-country)			3 / 10	Toilet/Bathroom Buildings		86		
Miles of Snowmobiles / OHRV trails			7,100 / 1,000					
Seacoast Metered Parking Spaces			1,723					
Retail Outlets in Parks			46					
DNCR SELECTED CULTURAL RESOURCE REFERENCE DATA								
STATE LIBRARY								
State Library Collection			500,000 vols	Blind and Physically Handicapped - Clients Served		2,500+		
Inter-library loan prog items delivered			324,000 items	shared electronic materials circulated		1,800,000+		
Delivery mileage			239,000					
NH State Government Digital Document Repository			187,000					
HISTORICAL RESOURCES								
State & Natl Register listed properties			1,305	Preservation easement properties		41		
Inventoried property records			11,000+	Fed & State project reviews		1,500+		
Archaeological sites			3,700	Fed & State Agy regulatory partners		70		
Historic Highway Markers			268	Certified Local Govts, local commissions		107		
STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS								
Total FY24 State Grant General Fund Appropriation			\$1,010,000	State Art Collection # of objects		650+		
Total FY24 Direct Federal NEA Grant Award			\$939,200	Percent for Art Program # of artworks		350+		
Total # Grants Issued FY24 (68 communities, 114 individual)			182					

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES
 FY 2026-2027 GOVERNOR PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY - (MILLIONS)

Division Description	GENERAL FUNDS						FEDERAL FUNDS						OTHER FUNDS						TOTAL FUNDS							
	FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth			
Commissioner's Office	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.4	2.9	(0.5)	3.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	0.3	2.9	4.0	3.4	3.4	(0.6)	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.6	0.3	11.4	10.1	10.5	10.6	0.4
Forest and Lands	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	(0.24)	0.6	3.5	1.1	1.1	(2.4)	37.0	40.4	40.2	40.4	(0.2)	37.7	43.9	41.4	41.6	(2.6)	37.7	43.9	41.4	41.6	(2.6)
Parks	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.1	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.6	(0.3)	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.9	(0.18)	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.9	(0.18)	
State Library	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.8	(0.4)	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	(0.2)	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.8	(0.6)	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.8	(0.6)	
Arts Council	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	(0.09)	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.8	(0.4)	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.2	(0.5)	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.2	(0.5)	
Historical Resources	9.9	11.2	10.0	10.0	(1.2)	7.2	8.9	6.1	6.0	(2.9)	44.7	49.5	49.1	49.4	(0.4)	61.9	69.6	65.2	65.4	(4.5)	61.9	69.6	65.2	65.4	(4.5)	
+Inc(-Dec) to prior year		1.2	(1.2)	(0.0)			1.7	(2.9)	(0.0)		4.8	(0.4)	0.3		7.8	(4.5)	0.2		12.6%	-5.4%	0.4%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
% Change	16.1%	16.1%	15.3%	15.2%	-28.8%	11.7%	12.8%	9.3%	9.2%	-64.0%	72.3%	71.1%	75.3%	75.5%	-9.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Funding % of Total Dep	16.1%	16.1%	15.3%	15.2%	-28.8%	11.7%	12.8%	9.3%	9.2%	-64.0%	72.3%	71.1%	75.3%	75.5%	-9.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		

FUND MIX % BY DIVIS	GENERAL FUNDS						FEDERAL FUNDS						OTHER FUNDS						TOTAL FUNDS							
	FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 24 Actuals		FY 25 Adj Auth		FY 26 Bud v FY 25 Adj Auth			
Commissioner's Office	30.4%	30.3%	28.8%	29.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%	8.0%	6.9%	6.9%	10.9%	10.4%	11.2%	11.3%	18.4%	14.4%	16.1%	16.2%	9.5%	10.5%	9.6%	9.6%	24.2%	-9.9%
Forest and Lands	32.9%	32.3%	33.7%	34.8%	44.9%	14.3%	26.4%	25.5%	82.7%	81.6%	81.9%	81.8%	82.7%	81.6%	81.9%	81.8%	82.7%	81.6%	81.9%	81.8%	82.7%	81.6%	81.9%	81.8%	82.7%	81.6%
Parks	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.1%	20.0%	25.8%	25.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	5.8%	5.9%	6.0%	57.0%	4.1%
State Library	19.9%	19.7%	22.8%	23.5%	14.6%	13.1%	16.7%	17.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	3.7%	3.1%	2.8%	3.3%	3.7%	3.1%	2.8%	13.6%	13.6%
Arts Council	10.2%	12.9%	10.0%	8.0%	12.2%	13.2%	12.6%	12.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	2.5%	1.9%	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%	1.9%	1.9%	11.1%	11.1%
Historical Resources	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%	4.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	102.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	102.0%

Division	POSITION	Position Type	CLASSIFICATION	Accounting Unit	Class 10 Salary	Class \$9 FT Temp	Class 60 Benefits	Total FY 2025 Budget	Funding Source	VACANCY_D ATE	Gov Hiring Waiver Request?
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER	9T3328	FT TEMP W/BEN	13-2010 ACCTS-AUDITORS-2	34000000		\$42,295.00	\$21,649.92	\$63,944.92	General Funds	09-JAN-2025	Y
FORESTS AND LANDS	19745	FT PERM W/BEN	37-1010 SUPS BLD-GNDS MAINT-2	53000000	\$34,216.00		\$18,622.86	\$52,838.86	Other Funds	14-NOV-2024	Y
FORESTS AND LANDS	9T2974	FT TEMP W/BEN	45-4010 FOREST-CONSERV WKR-2	78710000		\$39,894.00	\$34,724.00	\$74,618.00	Other Funds	17-OCT-2024	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1002	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	18-SEP-2024	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1117	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1139	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-1020 SUPS RANGERS-P2	21810000					Other Funds	03-JUN-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1142	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1174	PT TEMP NO BEN	45-4010 FOREST-CONSERV WKR-4	35050000					Other Funds	25-APR-2016	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1218	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1230	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	24-JUL-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1308	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	24-APR-2016	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1355	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	08-AUG-2014	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1370	PT TEMP NO BEN	13-1190 MISC BUS OPS SPECS-5	35050000					Other Funds	30-JUN-2014	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1381	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1386	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	01-JUL-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1412	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	10-MAR-2023	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1525	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	01-JUL-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1535	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1583	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1683	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	05-JAN-2023	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1689	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	30-MAR-2015	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1694	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1695	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1702	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1707	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1709	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1712	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	05-MAY-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1736	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1752	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1785	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	07-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1797	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1800	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	13-JUL-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1840	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	06-FEB-2013	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT1996	PT TEMP NO BEN	33-2010 FIREFIGHTERS-L2	21810000					Other Funds	08-OCT-2017	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT2046	PT TEMP NO BEN	19-4040 ENV SCIENCE TECHS-1	21030000					Other Funds	27-SEP-2018	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT4250	PT TEMP NO BEN	49-2020 TELECOMMS REPAIRERS-6	86820000					Other Funds	18-NOV-2019	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT4516	PT TEMP NO BEN	43-6010 ADMIN ASSTS-3	53000000					Other Funds	14-MAR-2022	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT4933	PT TEMP NO BEN	23-2010 PARALGLS-LGL ASSTS-3	86820000					Other Funds	01-MAY-2015	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT5032	PT TEMP NO BEN	19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS-2	21020000					Other Funds	20-AUG-2015	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT5504	PT TEMP NO BEN	45-4010 FOREST-CONSERV WKR-2	35050000					Other Funds	24-OCT-2019	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT5892	PT TEMP NO BEN	13-1190 MISC BUS OPS SPECS-4	35050000					Other Funds	17-JAN-2020	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT5966	PT TEMP NO BEN	13-1080 PROJECT MGMT SPECS-4	35050000					Other Funds	23-SEP-2021	
FORESTS AND LANDS	TMPPT6140	PT TEMP NO BEN	19-1030 FORESTERS-6	35050000					Other Funds	21-JUN-2023	

DNCR Vacant funded position report 022425 Fin Div 1.xlsx

Division	POSITION	Position Type	CLASSIFICATION	Accounting Unit	Class 10 Salary	Class 59 FT Temp	Class 60 Benefits	Total FY 2025 Budget	Funding Source	VACANCY_D ATE	Gov Hiring Waiver Request?
PARKS AND RECREATION	30183	FT PERM W/BEN	49-9070 GENERAL RPR WKRS-3	34010000	\$41,642.40		\$31,352.73	\$72,995.13	Other Funds	07-AUG-2024	
PARKS AND RECREATION	30184	FT PERM W/BEN	49-9070 GENERAL RPR WKRS-3	34010000	\$41,642.40		\$31,342.84	\$72,985.24	Other Funds	16-NOV-2023	
PARKS AND RECREATION	42063	FT PERM W/BEN	49-9070 GENERAL RPR WKRS-3	34010000	\$41,642.40		\$31,342.86	\$72,985.26	Other Funds	18-JUL-2019	
PARKS AND RECREATION	11550	FT PERM W/BEN	49-9070 GENERAL RPR WKRS-5	37030000	\$64,429.20		\$36,299.71	\$100,728.91	Other Funds	31-DEC-2024	
PARKS AND RECREATION	43476	FT PERM W/BEN	51-8030 TREATMENT PLNT OPRS-2	37200000	\$31,798.40		\$29,205.71	\$61,004.11	Other Funds	09-JUN-2016	
PARKS AND RECREATION	44090	FT PERM W/BEN	49-3020 AUTOMOTIVE TECHS-3	37200000	\$40,595.20		\$20,168.19	\$60,763.39	Other Funds	27-AUG-2024	
PARKS AND RECREATION	44895	FT PERM W/BEN	13-1080 PROJECT MGMT SPECS-4	37200000	\$53,184.00		\$33,848.53	\$87,032.53	Other Funds	28-NOV-2024	Y
PARKS AND RECREATION	44898	FT PERM W/BEN	39-1010 SUPS OF RECR WKRS-4	37200000	\$52,184.00		\$22,523.71	\$74,707.71	Other Funds	04-APR-2024	
PARKS AND RECREATION	9T2820	FT TEMP W/BEN	43-6010 ADMIN ASSTS-3	37200000		\$48,942.00	\$21,693.12	\$70,635.12	Other Funds	02-NOV-2023	
PARKS AND RECREATION	9T2918	FT TEMP W/BEN	39-1010 SUPS OF RECR WKRS-3	37200000		\$48,942.00	\$21,693.12	\$70,635.12	Other Funds	23-JUL-2024	
PARKS AND RECREATION	9T3116	FT TEMP W/BEN	39-1010 SUPS OF RECR WKRS-4	37200000		\$42,295.00	\$21,649.92	\$63,944.92	Other Funds	02-JUL-2021	
PARKS AND RECREATION	9T3120	FT TEMP W/BEN	39-1010 SUPS OF RECR WKRS-4	37200000		\$45,115.00	\$21,668.25	\$66,783.25	Other Funds	16-AUG-2021	
PARKS AND RECREATION	9T3322	FT TEMP W/BEN	33-9092 RECR PROT SVC WKRS-L3	37030000		\$43,347.00	\$34,756.00	\$78,103.00	Other Funds	18-SEP-2023	
STATE LIBRARY	43468	FT PERM W/BEN	25-4030 LIBRARY TECHS-1	25540000	\$41,338.00		\$31,286.65	\$72,624.65	Federal Funds	30-SEP-2024	Y
STATE LIBRARY	9U091	UNCLASSIFIED	STATE LIBRARIAN	25510000	\$112,082.00		\$35,442.73	\$147,524.73	General Fund	28-NOV-2024	
STATE LIBRARY	TMPPT5020	PT TEMP NO BEN	53-3030 DELIVERY DRIVERS-1	25540000					Federal Funds	18-NOV-2024	
DIVISION OF THE ARTS	13769	FT PERM W/BEN	11-9190 MISC MGRS-4	41110000	\$74,662.50		\$38,521.41	\$113,183.91	Federal Funds	31-DEC-2024	Y



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Chairman Dan McGuire
 House Finance Committee - Division I

RE: Budget Request Actions – Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR)

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources respectfully requests the following additional budget adjustments and changes.

- I. Establish budgets for the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters endowment accounts. These accounts were not requested to be budgeted during the agency or governor’s budget development phases while DNCR, in collaboration with state treasury, confirmed that the endowments maintained by the state treasury pursuant to RSA 6:12 to support the maintenance of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters easement, contained sufficient funding for FY 2026-2027. The following budgets are requested as follows:

03-35-35-351510-40860000 CLH EASEMENT - CAPITAL

Class-Account	Class Description	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	FY26 Requested Efficiency Budget	FY27 Requested Efficiency Budget
005-403129-12	Private Local Funds	\$0	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$44,000
	Total Revenue	\$0	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$44,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$44,000
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$44,000

03-35-35-351510-34150000 CLH EASEMENT

Class-Account	Class Description	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	FY26 Requested Efficiency Budget	FY27 Requested Efficiency Budget
005-403129-12	Private Local Funds	\$57,672	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$56,000
	Total Revenue	\$57,672	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$56,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$16,278	\$15,000	\$20,000
022-500257	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$42,750	\$75,000	\$30,000	\$36,000
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$14,922	\$15,000	\$0	\$0

048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
	Total Expenses	\$57,672	\$106,778	\$45,000	\$56,000

03-35-35-351510-37450000 CLH STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT

Class-Account	Class Description	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	FY26 Requested Efficiency Budget	FY27 Requested Efficiency Budget
008-402744-20	Agency Income	91652	\$357,643	\$221,200	\$420,700
	Total Revenue	\$91,652	\$357,643	\$221,200	\$420,700
018-500106	Overtime	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$22,014	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
022-500257	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$65,768	\$180,525	\$75,000	\$75,000
030-500311	Equipment New Replacement	\$384	\$63,496	\$500	\$200,000
040-501587	Indirect Costs	\$1,125	\$1,275	\$1,200	\$1,200
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$926	\$1,074	\$1,000	\$1,000
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$0	\$82,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$6,273	\$35,000	\$35,000
103-502664	Contracts For Op Services	\$1,435	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Total Expenses	\$91,652	\$357,643	\$221,200	\$420,700

03-35-35-351510-37460000 CLH ROAD MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT

Class-Account	Class Description	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	FY26 Requested Efficiency Budget	FY27 Requested Efficiency Budget
008-402746-20	Agency Income	\$283,451	\$343,258	\$388,500	\$388,500
	Total Revenue	\$283,451	\$343,258	\$388,500	\$388,500
018-500106	Overtime	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$167,634	\$135,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
022-500242	Rents-Leases Other Than Sta	\$114,880	\$100,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
030-500311	Equipment New Replacement	\$0	\$20,000	\$500	\$500
040-501587	Indirect Costs	\$937	\$1,063	\$1,000	\$1,000
047-500240	Own Forces Maint Build-Grn	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
048-500226	Contractual Maint Build-Grn	\$0	\$20,000	\$500	\$500
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$0	\$52,000	\$0	\$0
060-500601	Benefits	\$0	\$4,195	\$0	\$0
103-502664	Contracts For Op Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
	Total Expenses	\$283,451	\$343,258	\$388,500	\$388,500

The State of New Hampshire holds a conservation easement on the 146,000 acres Connecticut Lakes headwaters tract (CLH) in Northern New Hampshire and owns and maintains 400 miles of roads that provide access to the property for outdoor recreation by the public and forest management by the private landowner. In accordance with RSA 216:9, the interest earnings from the CLH Stewardship Endowment shall be used for the purposes of recreation, use, and the conservation easement management of the property. In accordance RSA 216:10 interest from the CLH Road Maintenance Endowment shall be used to maintain the system of roads that exist within the conservation easement and state property interests.

The NH State Treasurer manages the principal of the endowment. Over the years, the return on the endowments has yielded solid and consistent growth of the fund balances. The resulting growth has resulted in an available balance of total endowment earnings for DNCR as of 6/30/24 of approximately \$2.6m in the Stewardship Endowment and \$2.4m in the Road Maintenance Endowment. This additional funding being requested will be used to cover the cost of maintaining the road system and address deferred maintenance.

- II. Move 2 positions that were re-assigned from the DNCR Division of Historical Resources to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) during the governor's budget development phase, back to DNCR as follows:

Position # 41610 - 19-3090 MISC SOC SCIENTISTS-2 - 03-35-35-354010-14450000-010

This position is currently filled and is budgeted for FY 2026-2027 as 100% Federal Funds

Position # 11446 - 43-6010 ADMIN ASSTS-5 - 03-35-35-354010-14450000-010

This position is currently vacant and is unfunded for FY 2026-2027 due to limited Federal Funding

During the governor's development phase, while in the course of establishing a consolidated permitting process statewide, it was believed that the movement of these two positions to DES as part of the newly created permitting function would serve to enhance this new streamline initiative. However, upon further review, it was determined that the relocation of these two positions would not be prudent or necessary as part of this effort. We therefore respectfully request to have these two positions moved back to DNCR under the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) where they currently reside so they may continue to provide their services within the auspices of the DHR function.

- III. Move 1 position from the Division of Forests and Lands to the Department of Environmental Services as part of the above mentioned permitting process consolidation effort. Movement of this position is consistent with this consolidation effort and is funded by the Dedicated Fund established under RSA 217-A:7-a - Natural Heritage Bureau Fund Established that is expected to be transferred to DES for this purpose.

Position # 43471 - 19-2040 ENV SCIENTISTS-3 - 03-35-35-351010-34070000-010

This position is currently filled and is budgeted for FY 2026-2027 as 52% Other Funds from this dedicated fund and 48% federal funds

Respectfully Requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah L Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Sarah L Stewart, Commissioner
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources