

**FY 2023-24: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Summary: Conference Report**  
**Article 12, House Bill 4437 (H-1) CR-1**



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| IDG/IDT           | FY 2022-23 YTD<br>as of 2/8/23 | FY 2023-24<br>Executive | FY 2023-24<br>House  | FY 2023-24<br>Senate | FY 2023-24<br>Conference | Difference: Conference<br>From FY 2022-23 YTD |            |
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|                   |                                |                         |                      |                      |                          | Amount  | %          |
|                   | \$203,100                      | \$202,600               | \$202,600            | \$202,600            | \$202,600                | (\$500)                                       | (0.2)      |
| <b>Federal</b>    | 93,630,000                     | 100,409,600             | 100,409,600          | 100,409,600          | 122,923,800              | 29,293,800                                    | 31.3       |
| <b>Local</b>      | 0                              | 0                       | 0                    | 0                    | 0                        | 0   | --         |
| <b>Private</b>    | 7,039,200                      | 7,289,200               | 7,289,200            | 7,289,200            | 7,289,200                | 250,000                                       | 3.6        |
| <b>Restricted</b> | 340,206,500                    | 356,126,400             | 356,126,400          | 356,907,300          | 353,778,000              | 13,571,500                                    | 4.0        |
| <b>GF/GP</b>      | 94,404,000                     | 120,136,100             | 111,805,400          | 98,683,500           | 88,054,500               | (6,349,500)                                   | (6.7)      |
| <b>Gross</b>      | <b>\$535,482,800</b>           | <b>\$584,163,900</b>    | <b>\$575,833,200</b> | <b>\$563,492,200</b> | <b>\$572,248,100</b>     | <b>\$36,765,300</b>                           | <b>6.9</b> |
| <b>FTEs</b>       | 2,418.8                        | 2,546.5                 | 2,535.5              | 2,537.5              | 2,555.3                  | 136.5   | 5.6        |

Notes: (1) FY 2022-23 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 8, 2023. (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 DNR.

| <b>Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations</b>   | <b>FY 2022-23<br/>Year-to-Date<br/>(as of 2/8/23)</b> | <b>FY 2023-24<br/>Conference<br/>Change</b> |
|--|---|---|
| <b>1. Belle Isle Park Infrastructure (One-Time)</b>  |   |   |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$43.0 million GF/GP for physical plant renovations, maintenance, and safety upgrades at Belle Isle Park in Wayne County.  | <b>Gross</b> NA                                       | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>House</u> appropriates \$21.5 million GF/GP.  | GF/GP NA  | \$0   |
| <u>Senate</u> does not appropriate.  |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> does not appropriate.  |   |   |
| <b>2. Invasive Species Prevention and Control</b>  |   |   |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$11.9 million GF/GP and authorizes 12.0 FTE positions to establish a team to address invasive species and habitat deterioration; \$5.8 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis.         | FTE 13.0  | 8.0   |
| <u>House</u> provides \$5.8 million GF/GP on a one-time basis.   | <b>Gross</b> \$5,101,600                              | <b>\$3,951,100</b>                          |
| <u>Senate</u> provides \$3.0 million GF/GP and authorizes 8.0 FTE positions; \$1.0 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis.  | GF/GP \$5,101,600                                     | \$3,951,100                                 |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$4.0 million GF/GP and authorizes 8.0 FTE positions; \$2.0 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis.  |   |   |
| <b>3. Nature Awaits</b>  |   |   |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$4.0 million GF/GP and authorizes 13.8 FTE positions for grants to schools to cover transportation and other costs related to connecting all Michigan fourth grades to the state park system. | FTE NA  | 13.8  |
| <u>House</u> does not appropriate.   | <b>Gross</b> NA                                       | <b>\$8,000,000</b>                          |
| <u>Senate</u> does not appropriate.  | GF/GP NA  | \$8,000,000                                 |
| <u>Conference</u> appropriates \$8.0 million GF/GP and authorizes 13.8 FTE positions.  |   |   |
| <b>4. Wildfire Protection and Technology</b>   |   |   |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$3.7 million GF/GP and authorizes 22.0 FTE positions to expand state firefighting personnel and equipment.  | FTE NA  | 22.0  |
| <u>House</u> concurs.  | <b>Gross</b> NA                                       | <b>\$3,738,800</b>                          |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.   | GF/GP NA  | \$3,738,800                                 |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.   |   |   |

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| <b>5. General Law Enforcement</b>   | FTE          | 293.0  | 0.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$3.5 million GF/GP for pay increases to Conservation Officers to approach compensation rates of comparable law enforcement personnel, including the Michigan State Police.   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$47,253,700</b>                          | <b>\$3,549,500</b>                 |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Federal      | 6,921,000                                    | 0                                  |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | Restricted   | 27,426,300                                   | 0                                  |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | \$12,906,400                                 | \$3,549,500                        |
| <b>6. Great Lakes Splash Pads (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$1,000,000</b>                 |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$3.5 million GF/GP for three splash pad playgrounds on the shores of Lake Michigan: Grand Haven State Park (Ottawa County), Holland State Park (Ottawa County), and Warren Dunes State Park (Berrien County).  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$1,000,000                        |
| <u>House</u> does not provide.  |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Senate</u> does not provide.   |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$1.0 million GF/GP.   |              |  |                                    |
| <b>7. Outreach and Engagement to Underrepresented Communities in Parks and Museums</b>  | FTE          | NA   | 7.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.5 million Gross (\$780,900 GF/GP) and authorizes 7.0 FTE positions for outreach to disadvantaged communities and underrepresented populations for engagement with state parks and Michigan History Center museums; restricted funding comes from the Park Improvement Fund.   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$1,500,000</b>                 |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Restricted   | NA   | 719,100                            |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$780,900                          |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>8. Michigan Historical Center and Technology</b>   | FTE          | NA   | 0.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$450,000 GF/GP and authorizes 3.0 FTE positions to support collaboration between the state archives and local governments to meet statutory requirements for retention of records.   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$0</b>                         |
| <u>House</u> does not provide.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.   |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> does not provide.   |              |  |                                    |
| <b>9. Body Cameras for Conservation Officers</b>  | FTE          | 0.0  | 5.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$258,900 GF/GP and authorizes 5.0 FTE positions to manage body camera data and FOIA requests.  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$600,000</b>                             | <b>\$258,900</b>                   |
| <u>House</u> authorizes 3.0 FTE positions.  | GF/GP        | \$600,000                                    | \$258,900                          |
| <u>Senate</u> eliminates program.   |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs with Executive.   |              |  |                                    |
| <b>10. Capital Outlay Adjustments</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$12,000,000</b>                |
| <u>Executive</u> provides a net of \$10.0 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) for funding increases to Forest Development Infrastructure; Shooting Range Development, Enhancement, and Restoration; State Game and Wildlife Area Infrastructure; and State Parks Repair and Maintenance. Funding decreases are also included to Local Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance; State Boating Infrastructure and Maintenance; and Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition. | Federal      | NA   | 4,575,000                          |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Private      | NA   | 250,000                            |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs and adds \$2.0 million GF/GP for Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition.  | Restricted   | NA   | 5,175,000                          |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs and adds \$2.0 million GF/GP for Wetlands Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$2,000,000                        |

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| <b>11. Parks and Recreation Division Operations</b>   | FTE          | NA   | 54.7                               |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$7.8 million in available restricted revenues from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 54.7 FTE positions to expand personnel and support for operations across state parks system. | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$7,753,500</b>                 |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Restricted   | NA   | 7,753,500                          |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>12. Forest Land Management Equipment (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$2,500,000</b>                 |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$2.5 million in available restricted revenue from the Forest Development Fund to support management of forest resources and to purchase new forestry equipment.  | Restricted   | NA   | 2,500,000                          |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>13. Federal Funding for Fire Protection</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$1,751,500</b>                 |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.8 million in available federal revenues to expand state and local fire protection.  | Federal      | NA   | 1,751,500                          |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>14. Climate and Carbon Sequestration Program Expansion</b>   | FTE          | NA   | 4.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$1.5 million in available restricted revenues from the Forest Recreation Account, Michigan State Waterways Fund, and Park Improvement Fund and authorizes 4.0 FTE positions to support current sales and expansion of the carbon offset credit program.    | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$1,463,600</b>                 |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Restricted   | NA   | 1,463,600                          |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>15. Restricted Authorization Alignment</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>(\$1,432,400)</b>               |
| <u>Executive</u> reduces restricted funding by \$1.4 million across divisions to align spending authorization with available resources.   | Restricted   | NA   | (1,432,400)                        |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>16. Fleet Rate Increase</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$1,229,100</b>                 |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$1.2 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP) to cover increased mileage rates and transportation leasing costs.  | Federal      | NA   | 2,900                              |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Restricted   | NA   | 1,226,200                          |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |  |                                    |
| <b>17. Finance and Operations Expansion</b>   | FTE          | NA   | 5.0                                |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$724,700 Gross (\$0 GF/GP) and authorizes 5.0 FTE positions to manage departmental grants, land transactions, and procurement processes.   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>\$724,700</b>                   |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Federal      | NA   | 23,900                             |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | Restricted   | NA   | 700,800                            |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0                                |

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| <b>18. Forest Management and Timber Market Development</b>  | FTE          | 185.0   | 15.0  |
| <u>Executive</u> provides \$540,800 in available federal revenues (\$0 GF/GP) and authorizes 15.0 FTE positions to expand the Forest Health and Good Neighbor Authority programs within the Forest Resources Division.  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$44,532,400</b>                                   | <b>\$540,800</b>                            |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Federal      | 10,435,600  | 540,800                                     |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | Private      | 930,400   | 0   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  | Restricted   | 33,166,400  | 0   |
|   | GF/GP        | \$0   | \$0   |
| <b>19. Michigan Wildlife Council</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$1,600,000</b>                                    | <b>(\$200,000)</b>                          |
| <u>Executive</u> reduces funding from the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund by \$200,000 to align spending authority with available revenues and rolls up the four extant Michigan Wildlife Council appropriations into a single line item.   | Restricted   | 1,600,000   | (200,000)                                   |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | \$0   | \$0   |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <b>20. Information Technology Services and Projects</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$10,562,500</b>                                   | <b>\$54,200</b>                             |
| <u>Executive</u> appropriates \$54,200 in available restricted revenues (\$0 GF/GP) to cover increases resulting from increased use of the MiLogin system.  | Restricted   | 9,330,200   | 54,200                                      |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | \$1,232,300   | \$0   |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <b>21. Cross-Divisional Internal Transfers</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>Executive</u> transfers the Shooting Range Specialist Program from Departmental Administration and Support to Communication and Customer Services; transfers the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Off-road Vehicle Trail Development and Maintenance, and Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance programs from the Grants section to Capital Outlay; all changes net to zero. | GF/GP        | NA  | \$0   |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   |              |   |   |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <b>22. Removal of FY 2022-23 One-Time Funding</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$46,935,000</b>                                   | <b>(\$46,935,000)</b>                       |
| <u>Executive</u> removes \$46.9 million Gross (\$45.4 million GF/GP) for one-time programs included in the FY 2022-23 budget. Programs included Archives of Michigan Digitization, Body Cameras for Conservation Officers, Chronic Wasting Disease Testing, Equipment Lifecycle Replacement, Great Lakes Vessel Modernization, and State Fish Hatchery Upgrades and Improvements.               | Restricted   | 1,550,000   | (1,550,000)                                 |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | GF/GP        | \$45,385,000  | (\$45,385,000)                              |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  |              |   |   |
| <b>23. Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund Deposit (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>House</u> deposits \$8.2 million GF/GP to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund to increase fund balance; fund revenue supports public recreation facilities.  | GF/GP        | NA  | \$0   |
| <u>Senate</u> does not deposit.   |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> does not deposit.   |              |   |   |
| <b>24. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Deposit (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>House</u> deposits \$5.4 million GF/GP to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to increase fund balance; fund revenue supports public recreation facilities.  | GF/GP        | NA  | \$0   |
| <u>Senate</u> does not deposit.   |              |   |   |
| <u>Conference</u> does not deposit.   |              |   |   |

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| <b>25. Outdoor Recreation Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$0</b>   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0  |
| <u>House</u> appropriates \$5.0 million GF/GP to establish a grant program to encourage the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters, fishers, boaters, shooters, and birders.  |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> does not appropriate.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not appropriate.   |              |  |  |
| <b>26. Aggregate Mapping (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$5,000,000</b>                                 |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$5,000,000  |
| <u>House</u> provides \$5.0 million GF/GP to map Michigan's aggregate deposits in collaboration with the Michigan Geological Survey at Western Michigan University.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> does not provide.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs with House.   |              |  |  |
| <b>27. AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$0</b>   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0  |
| <u>House</u> appropriates a \$100 GF/GP placeholder to restore and maintain fisheries, habitats, and ecosystems in the AuSable River and Manistee River.  |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> does not appropriate.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not appropriate.   |              |  |  |
| <b>28. Office of the State Archaeologist</b>  | FTE          | NA   | 0.0  |
|   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$0</b>   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0  |
| <u>House</u> provides \$2.5 million GF/GP and authorizes 6.0 FTE positions to establish an Office of the State Archaeologist to serve as the source of archaeological expertise for state government, provide archaeological services on behalf of state government, and lead the effort to identify, document, and protect archaeological resources that document the entire span of human history in this state; \$1.5 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis. |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> does not provide.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not provide.   |              |  |  |
| <b>29. Michigan Conservation Corps (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$934,000</b>   | <b>\$500,000</b>                                   |
|   | GF/GP        | \$934,000  | \$500,000  |
| <u>House</u> appropriates an additional \$1.0 million GF/GP to the Michigan Conservation Corp program.  |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> appropriates an additional \$1.1 million GF/GP.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> appropriates an additional \$500,000 GF/GP.   |              |  |  |
| <b>30. State Water Trail Organizations (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$500,000</b>                                   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$500,000  |
| <u>House</u> appropriates \$250,000 GF/GP to support state water trail organizations.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> appropriates \$900,000 GF/GP.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> appropriates \$500,000 GF/GP.   |              |  |  |
| <b>31. Mass Timber Recreational Trails Lodge at Michigan Tech University (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$0</b>   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0  |
| <u>House</u> provides \$130,000 GF/GP to support a mass timber recreational trails lodge at Michigan Tech University.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> provides a \$100 GF/GP placeholder.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not provide.   |              |  |  |
| <b>32. Brandon Road Dam (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>  | <b>\$0</b>   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA   | \$0  |
| <u>House</u> adds a \$100 GF/GP placeholder for Michigan's Great Lakes Compact obligation to support the Brandon Road Dam in Illinois that prevents invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes.  |              |  |  |
| <u>Senate</u> does not add.   |              |  |  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not add.   |              |  |  |

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| <b>33. State Parks Projects (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>Senate</u> appropriates \$35.0 million GF/GP for Belle Isle Park upgrades and improvements, a Flint State Park endowment, and splash pads on Lake Michigan.  | GF/GP        | NA  | \$0   |
| <u>Conference</u> does not appropriate.   |              |   |   |
| <b>34. Wetland Restoration in Urban Areas (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$550,000</b>                            |
| <u>Senate</u> provides \$600,000 GF/GP for wetland restoration in urban areas.  | GF/GP        | NA  | \$550,000                                   |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$550,000 GF/GP.   |              |   |   |
| <b>35. Marketing and Outreach Fund Swap</b>   | FTE          | 56.5  | 0.0   |
| <u>Senate</u> swaps GF/GP for Park Improvement Fund.  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$15,526,400</b>                                   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>Conference</u> does not swap.  | Federal      | 1,805,400   | 0   |
|   | Restricted   | 13,413,200  | 0   |
|   | GF/GP        | \$307,800   | \$0   |
| <b>36. Information Technology Services and Projects Fund Swap</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>\$10,562,500</b>                                   | <b>\$0</b>                                  |
| <u>Senate</u> swaps GF/GP for Park Improvement Fund.  | Restricted   | 9,330,200   | 0   |
| <u>Conference</u> does not swap.  | GF/GP        | \$1,232,300   | \$0   |
| <b>37. Cultural Resource Management</b>   | FTE          | NA  | 2.0   |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$2.0 million GF/GP and authorizes 2.0 FTE positions to expand the department's archeological operations and establishes an ongoing process that requires increased consultation with known lineal descendants and Indian tribe officials of tribes on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological activity will occur or where an inadvertent discovery has been made in addressing the identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American Cultural items; \$1.0 million GF/GP is appropriated on a one-time basis. | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$2,000,000</b>                          |
|   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$2,000,000                                 |
| <b>38. Vehicle Travel Services</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$946,300</b>                            |
| <u>Conference</u> appropriates \$946,300 Gross (\$790,000 GF/GP) to cover increased travel costs related to vehicle mileage rates and leasing costs.  | Federal      | NA  | 8,400                                       |
|   | Restricted   | NA  | 147,900                                     |
|   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$790,000                                   |
| <b>39. Swimming Pool Restoration Project (One-Time)</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$5,000,000</b>                          |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$5,000,000 GF/GP to restore Moore's Park pool in Lansing.   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$5,000,000                                 |
| <b>40. Dam Management Grant Program (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$1,250,000</b>                          |
| <u>Conference</u> appropriates \$1,250,000 GF/GP for dam management grants.   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$1,250,000                                 |
| <b>41. Swimming Pool Repair Project (One-Time)</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>\$200,000</b>                            |
| <u>Conference</u> provides \$200,000 GF/GP to repair a public swimming pool in Ypsilanti.   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$200,000                                   |
| <b>42. Executive Revision 2024-1</b>  | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>(\$2,482,900)</b>                        |
| <u>Conference</u> reflects a net reduction of \$2.3 million Gross (\$7,600 GF/GP increase) to concur with Executive Revision 2024-1 issued on April 14, 2023.   | Federal      | NA  | 5,800                                       |
|   | Restricted   | NA  | (2,496,300)                                 |
|   | GF/GP        | NA  | \$7,600                                     |
| <b>43. Economic Adjustments</b>   | <b>Gross</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>(\$646,400)</b>                          |
| <u>Executive</u> reflects a net reduction of \$646,400 Gross (\$41,300 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (2.0% on October 1, 2023), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, rent, and other economic adjustments.   | IDG          | NA  | (500)                                       |
| <u>House</u> concurs.   | Federal      | NA  | (114,500)                                   |
| <u>Senate</u> concurs.  | Private      | NA  | 0   |
| <u>Conference</u> concurs.  | Restricted   | NA  | (490,100)                                   |
|   | GF/GP        | NA  | (\$41,300)                                  |

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23**

### **Sec. 205. Report Recipients – NEW**

Requires boilerplate reports be submitted to appropriations subcommittees, fiscal agencies, legislative policy offices, and the state budget office unless otherwise stated.

House and Conference add new section, Senate does not add new section.

### **Sec. 207. Disciplinary Action Against State Employees – RETAINED**

Prohibits department from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the legislature and their staffs, unless communication is prohibited by law. *(Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.)*

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

### **Sec. 210. GF/GP Lapse – REVISED**

Requires report of estimated GF/GP appropriation lapses at close of previous year.

Executive and Senate revise due date from November 30 to December 31, House and Conference revise due date to December 15 and report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205.

### **Sec. 211. Contingency Fund Transfer Authority – RETAINED**

Allows for the legislative transfer process to increase state restricted authorization by up to \$5.0 million.

Executive revises to increase federal authorization by up to \$10.0 million, state restricted authorization by up to \$3.0 million, and private authorization by up to \$1.0 million; House and Senate concur. Conference retains.

### **Sec. 212. Expenditure Posting on Internet – RETAINED**

Requires expenditures to be reported on the internet on a searchable website, including specific expenditure information.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

### **Sec. 213. Restricted Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances – REVISED**

Requires annual report on fund balances, revenues, and expenditures for state restricted funds for previous and current fiscal years.

Executive deletes, House and Conference revise report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205, Senate retains.

### **Sec. 214. Website Scorecard – REVISED**

Requires department to maintain on a publicly accessible website a department scorecard with key metrics concerning the department's performance.

Executive deletes, House and Senate retain, Conference strikes "department scorecard" and replaces with "information."

### **Sec. 215. Identification of Legacy Costs – DELETED**

Estimates annual appropriations for legacy costs, including pension-related legacy costs and health care-related legacy costs.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 217. FTE Vacancies and Remote Work Report – REVISED**

Requires department to report 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.

Executive and Senate revise to remove remote work provisions, House and Conference concur and revise report recipients to those listed in Sec. 205.

### **Sec. 218. Remote Working – RETAINED**

States legislative intent to prioritize in-person work for the state's workforce where possible unless they were working remotely prior to February 28, 2020.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

### **Sec. 219. State Administrative Board Transfers – RETAINED**

Allows legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to intertransfer funds within the department's budget if the State Administrative Board transfers appropriated funds. *(Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.)*

Executive, House, and Senate delete. Conference retains.

### **Sec. 221. Receipt and Retention of Reports – RETAINED**

Requires department to receive and retain copies of all reports.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

### **Sec. 222. Report on Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Affecting Department – RETAINED**

Requires 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.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23**

### **Sec. 223. Severance Reporting – REVISED**

Requires department to report details of severance pay for certain departmental employees.  
Executive deletes, House and Conference revise to remove internet posting requirement, Senate retains.

### **Sec. 224. COVID-19 Vaccine Disclosure – DELETED**

Prohibits state officials from requiring COVID-19 vaccine disclosure as a condition of receiving state services or developing a vaccine passport.  
Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 224. Expending Available Work Project Authorization – RETAINED**

Advises department not to expend appropriations until existing work project authorization for the same purpose has been expended. (*Governor deemed this section unenforceable in FY 2022-23.*)  
Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference retain.

### **Sec. 225. Access to State and Local Services – REVISED**

Prohibits appropriations from being used to restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to restrict or impede community access to government programs; or restrict an individual's ability to exercise the right to reproductive freedom; requires local governments to report on actions that attempt to restrict duties of local health officers.  
Executive adds new section, House concurs, Senate does not add. Conference revises to prohibit appropriations from being used to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government programs; requires local governments to report on actions that attempt to restrict duties of local health officers.

### **Sec. 229. Energy and Noise Efficiency – NEW**

Requires preference for goods and services that are energy efficient and minimize noise pollution.  
House and Conference add new section, Senate does not add.

### **Sec. 240. Office of the State Archaeologist – DELETED**

Establishes an Office of the State Archaeologist and outlines six FTE positions.  
House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

### **Sec. 240. Cultural Resource Management – NEW**

Expands the department's archeological operations and establishes an ongoing process that requires increased consultation with known lineal descendants and Indian tribe officials of tribes on whose aboriginal lands a planned archeological activity will occur or where an inadvertent discovery has been made in addressing the identification, treatment, and disposition of Native American Cultural items.  
Conference adds new section.

### **Sec. 241. Incident Management Team Notification – DELETED**

Requires department to notify local legislators when Incident Management Team has been activated in their district.  
Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 242. Testing Laboratories – NEW**

Prohibits the department from consolidating their testing laboratories.  
Senate and Conference add new section.

### **Sec. 252. Invasive Species Fund – NEW**

Authorizes department to expend the Invasive Species Fund for invasive species response efforts; requires report to legislature.  
Executive adds new section, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 304. Receive and Expend for Carbon Offset Credits – NEW**

Authorizes department to receive and expend revenues to pay vendors for administering carbon offset credits.  
Executive adds new section, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 408. Land Transactions – REVISED**

Requires detailed report to legislature by October 21 on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.  
Executive and Senate delete, House and Conference retain and revise due date to December 1.

### **Sec. 501. Work Project – Nature Awaits – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Nature Awaits totaling \$8.0 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support the nature awaits program in the Parks and Recreation Division.  
Conference adds new section.



## **Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23**

### **Sec. 506. *USDA Wildlife Services Deer Harvesting* – DELETED**

Encourages United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to harvest all deer during targeted removal required under Enhanced Wildlife Biosecurity Program.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 802. *Timber Marking* – REVISED**

Requires department to report quarterly on number of acres of state forest land marked or treated for timber harvest.

Executive deletes, House revises to annual report, Senate and Conference revise to annual report due January 1.

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

Authorizes snowmobile law enforcement grant funds to county law enforcement agencies in counties with state snowmobile trails.

Executive, Senate, and Conference delete, House retains.

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

Requires report on Marine Safety Grant Program; requires report to include watercraft registration revenues, revenues and expenditures of Marine Safety Fund, grant distribution methodology, and list of grant awards by county.

Executive, Senate, and Conference delete, House retains.

### **Sec. 903. *Body Cameras for Conservation Officers* – DELETED**

Requires appropriation to be expended on body cameras for conservation officers.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 1201. *Chronic Wasting Disease Testing* – DELETED**

Requires appropriation to be used for provision of CWD check stations or drop stations in core CWD areas, management zones, or surveillance areas before the 2023 hunting season.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 1201. *Work Project – Aggregate Mapping* – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Aggregate Mapping totaling \$5.0 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to map aggregate deposits of this state.

House and Conference add new section, Senate does not add.

### **Sec. 1202. *Work Project – Great Lakes Research Vessel* – DELETED**

Authorizes unexpended funds appropriated for Great Lakes Research Vessel to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to replace and upgrade the Lake Michigan survey vessel.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 1202. *Work Project – AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative* – NOT INCLUDED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for AuSable and Manistee River Restoration Initiative totaling \$100 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to restore and maintain fisheries, habitats, and ecosystems in the AuSable River and Manistee River.

House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

### **Sec. 1202. *Work Project – Forest Land Management Equipment* – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Dam Management Grant Program totaling \$1.3 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used for dam management grants.

Conference adds new section.

### **Sec. 1203. *Body Cameras for Conservation Officers, One-Time* – DELETED**

Requires one-time funding to be used for body cameras for conservation officers.

Executive deletes, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 1203. *Work Project – Forest Land Management Equipment* – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Forest Land Management Equipment totaling \$2.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to acquire new forest land management equipment.

Executive adds new section, House, Senate, and Conference concur.

### **Sec. 1204. *State Parks Projects* – NOT INCLUDED**

Earmarks funding in part 1 for Belle Isle Park upgrades and improvements, a Flint State Park endowment, and splash pads on Lake Michigan; requires a 50% cash match with grant awards.

Senate adds new section, Conference does not add.

**Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23**

**Sec. 1204. Fresh Water Research and Innovation Center – NEW**

Awards \$15.0 million GF/GP in part 1 to nonprofit Discovery Great Lakes in Traverse City to build a fresh water research and innovation center on Lake Michigan.

Conference adds new section.

**Sec. 1205. Invasive Species Prevention and Control Fund Deposit – NEW**

Deposits \$5.0 million GF/GP for Invasive Species Prevention and Control into the Invasive Species Fund.

Executive and House add new section, Senate and Conference add new section and revise total to reflect funding in part 1.

**Sec. 1206. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Deposit – NOT INCLUDED**

Deposits \$5.4 million GF/GP to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

**Sec. 1206. Work Project – State Water Trail Organizations – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for State Water Trail Organizations totaling \$500,000 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support state water trail organizations.

House and Conference add new section, Senate does not add.

**Sec. 1207. Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund Deposit – NOT INCLUDED**

Deposits \$8.2 million GF/GP to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund.

House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

**Sec. 1207. Swimming Pool Repair Project – NEW**

Awards \$200,000 GF/GP in part 1 to the city of Ypsilanti to repair a public swimming pool.

Conference adds new section.

**Sec. 1208. Work Project – Office of the State Archaeologist One-Time – NOT INCLUDED**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Office of the State Archaeologist One-Time totaling \$1.5 million to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to support the office of the state archaeologist.

House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

**Sec. 1208. Swimming Pool Restoration Project – NEW**

Awards \$5,000,000 GF/GP in part 1 to the city of Lansing to restore a public swimming pool.

Conference adds new section.

**Sec. 1209. Outdoor Recreation Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation – NOT INCLUDED**

Requires department to expend funds in part 1 to establish a grant program to encourage the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters, fishers, boaters, shooters, and birders.

House adds new section, Senate and Conference do not add.

**Sec. 1209. Work Project – Urban and Community Forestry Assistance – NEW**

Authorizes unexpended funds for Urban and Community Forestry Assistance totaling \$7,500,000 to be considered a work project appropriation and carried forward into succeeding fiscal year; funds will be used to increase equitable access to urban tree canopy and associated human health benefits, broaden community engagement in local urban forest planning, and improve resilience to climate change.

Conference adds new section.

| <b><u>FY 2022-23 Supplemental Appropriation Items</u></b>   |                  | <b><u>Appropriation<br/>Change</u></b> |
|---|------------------|--|
| <b>1. Off-Road Vehicle Trail Program Administration</b>   | <b>Gross</b>     | <b>\$32,800</b>                        |
| Includes \$32,800 from the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund to be used for off-road vehicle trail program administration.                                    | Restricted GF/GP | 32,800<br>\$0                          |
| <b>2. Carbon Credits from Sale of State Forest Lands</b>  | FTEs             | 5.0                                    |
| Includes \$1.7 million in restricted funding and authorization for 5.0 FTE positions to support current sales and expansion of the carbon offset credit program.    | <b>Gross</b>     | <b>\$1,662,000</b>                     |
|   | Restricted GF/GP | 1,662,000<br>\$0                       |
| <b>3. General Law Enforcement</b>   | <b>Gross</b>     | <b>\$570,000</b>                       |
| Includes \$570,000 from the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund to be used for increased staffing hours and new equipment for off-road vehicle law enforcement. | Restricted GF/GP | 570,000<br>\$0                         |

| <b><u>FY 2022-23 Supplemental Appropriation Items</u></b>   |  | <b>Appropriation<br/>Change</b>   |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>4. Belle Isle Park</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$450,000</b>            |
| Includes \$450,000 from the Park Improvement Fund to be used to replace revenue for Belle Isle Park that was lost due to relocation of the Grand Prix race.   |  | Restricted 450,000<br>GF/GP \$0   |
| <b>5. Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Grants</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$555,000</b>            |
| Includes \$555,000 from the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund to be used for ORV damage restoration grants (\$300,000), ORV law enforcement grants (\$180,000), and ORV trail maintenance grants (\$75,000).  |  | Restricted 555,000<br>GF/GP \$0   |
| <b>6. Brandon Road Interbasin Project</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$64,000,000</b>         |
| Includes \$64.0 million GF/GP to support the state's nonfederal match for planning and construction of the Brandon Road Interbasin Project to block invasive carp from Lake Michigan.   |  | GF/GP \$64,000,000                |
| <b>7. Off-Road Vehicle Trail Development and Maintenance</b>  |  | <b>Gross \$1,200,000</b>          |
| Includes \$1.2 million from the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund to repair the flooded Lake Linden Trail in Houghton County.   |  | Restricted 1,200,000<br>GF/GP \$0 |
| <b>8. Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance</b>  |  | <b>Gross \$2,700,000</b>          |
| Includes \$2.7 million from the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund to repair the flooded Lake Linden Trail in Houghton County (\$800,000), for local grants to purchase snow groomers (\$1.5 million), and for snowmobile trail system maintenance (\$400,000).  |  | Restricted 2,700,000<br>GF/GP \$0 |
| <b>9. Net River Dam</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$1,200,000</b>          |
| Includes \$1.2 million GF/GP for structural stabilization of the Net River Dam in Baraga County in response to partial dam failure in 2022.   |  | GF/GP \$1,200,000                 |
| <b>10. Waterways Boating Program – Marina Improvements</b>  |  | <b>Gross \$3,612,700</b>          |
| Includes \$3.6 million in available federal funding for the following improvements: \$1.5 million for Adelaide Pointe Marina in Muskegon County; \$848,000 for Discovery Center and Pier in Leelanau County; \$956,200 for Village of Spring Lake Transient Marinas in Ottawa County; and \$335,700 for Wyandotte Transient Marina in Wayne County. |  | Federal 3,612,700<br>GF/GP \$0    |
| <b>11. State Boating Infrastructure Maintenance</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$1,200,000</b>          |
| Includes \$1.2 million in available federal funding for improvements to the Lexington State Harbor in Sanilac County.   |  | Federal 1,200,000<br>GF/GP \$0    |
| <b>12. ARP – Belle Isle Park Infrastructure</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$23,000,000</b>         |
| Includes \$23.0 million in federal ARP funding for physical plant renovations, maintenance, and safety upgrades at Belle Isle Park in Wayne County.   |  | Federal 23,000,000<br>GF/GP \$0   |
| <b>13. Flint State Park</b>   |  | <b>Gross \$23,000,000</b>         |
| Includes \$23.0 million GF/GP to be allocated as follows: \$22.2 million to be deposited in to the endowment fund; and \$800,000- for operations and ongoing costs at Flint State Park.   |  | GF/GP \$23,000,000                |

**FY 2022-23 Supplemental Boilerplate Items**

**Sec. 701. Carbon Offset Credits Receive and Expend**

Authorizes the department to receive and expend restricted funding to administer the carbon offset credits program.

**Sec. 702. Brandon Road Interbasin Project**

Designates unexpended funds for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project as a work project appropriation; funds would be used for Michigan's Great Lakes Compact obligation to support the Brandon Road Dam in Illinois that prevents invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes.

**Sec. 703. Belle Isle Park Infrastructure**

Earmarks federal ARP funding for physical plant renovations, maintenance, and safety upgrades at Belle Isle Park in Wayne County.

**Sec. 704. Flint State Park**

Earmarks funding for an endowment fund deposit and for operational and ongoing costs at Flint State Park.