



Department of Natural Resources FY24/25 Budget Recommendations

House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

One Minnesota Budget

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Agenda

1. Approach to Budget Request
2. Overview of the DNR's Budget
3. Change Items by DNR Budget Priority
 - Connect People to the Outdoors
 - Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change
 - Manage Natural Resources Proactively
 - Address Operational Needs
4. Questions and Discussion

Ensure Financial Vitality



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THE OUTDOORS

4 steps in 4 years to ensure the future of conservation and outdoor recreation in Minnesota

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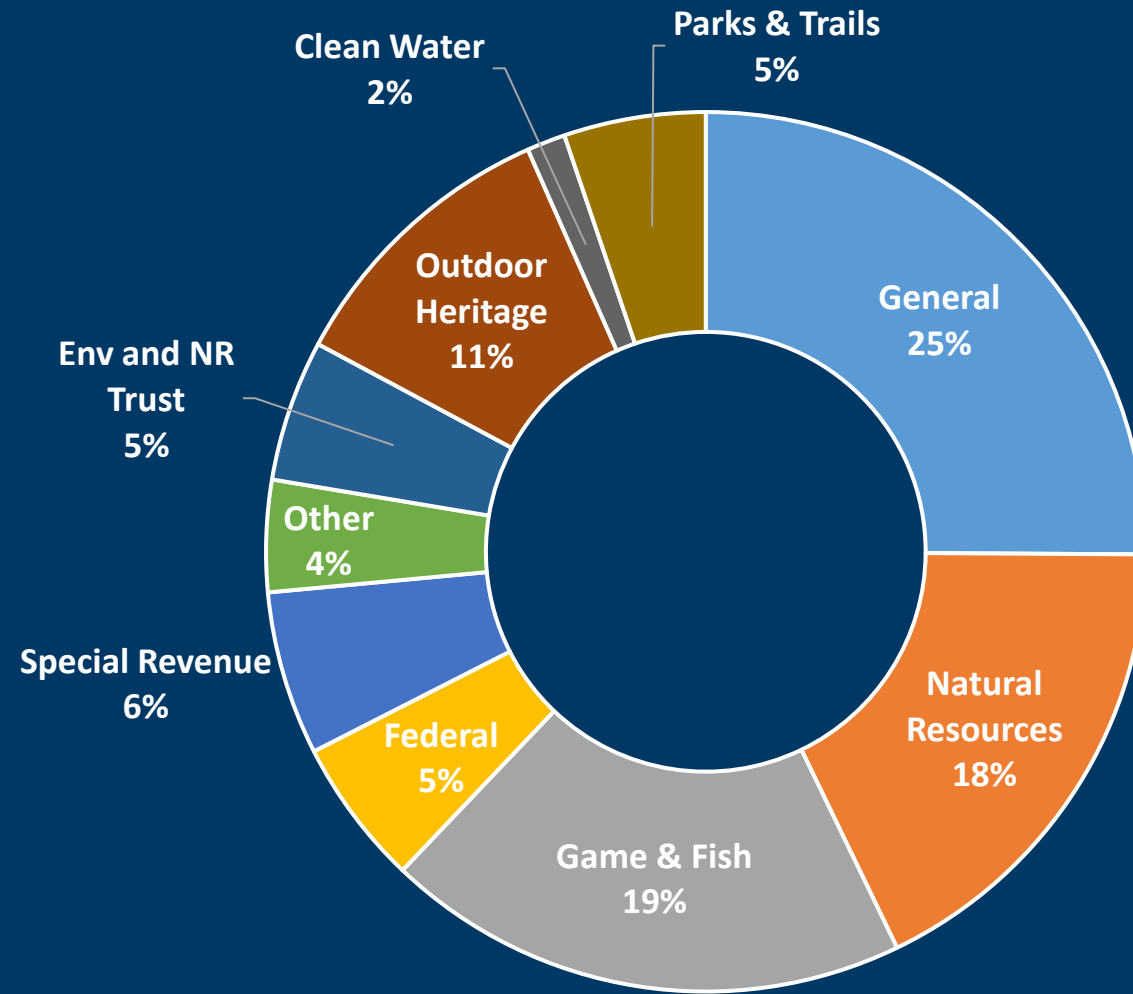
10-Year Capital Asset Need: *Taking care of what we have.*

February 2023



DNR Budget by Fund

FY22/23 Budget:
\$1.3B (all funds)

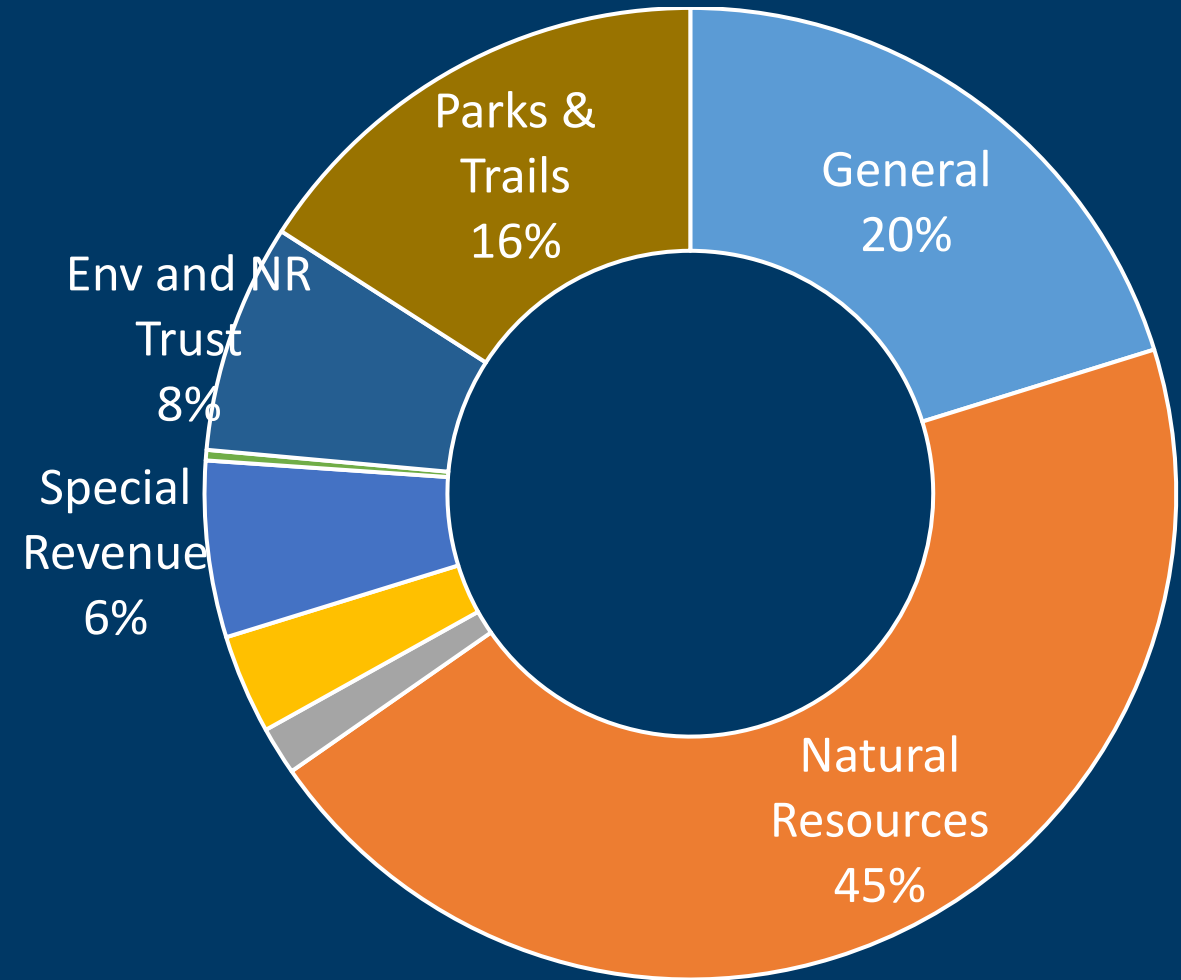


Parks and Trails FY22/23 Budget: \$288M



DNR's Parks and Trails:

- connects people to the outdoors through existing state parks, trails, forest recreation areas and water recreation
- creates new recreational and conservation opportunities that meet the evolving needs of our users
- collaborates with partners to provide a unified outdoor recreation system.



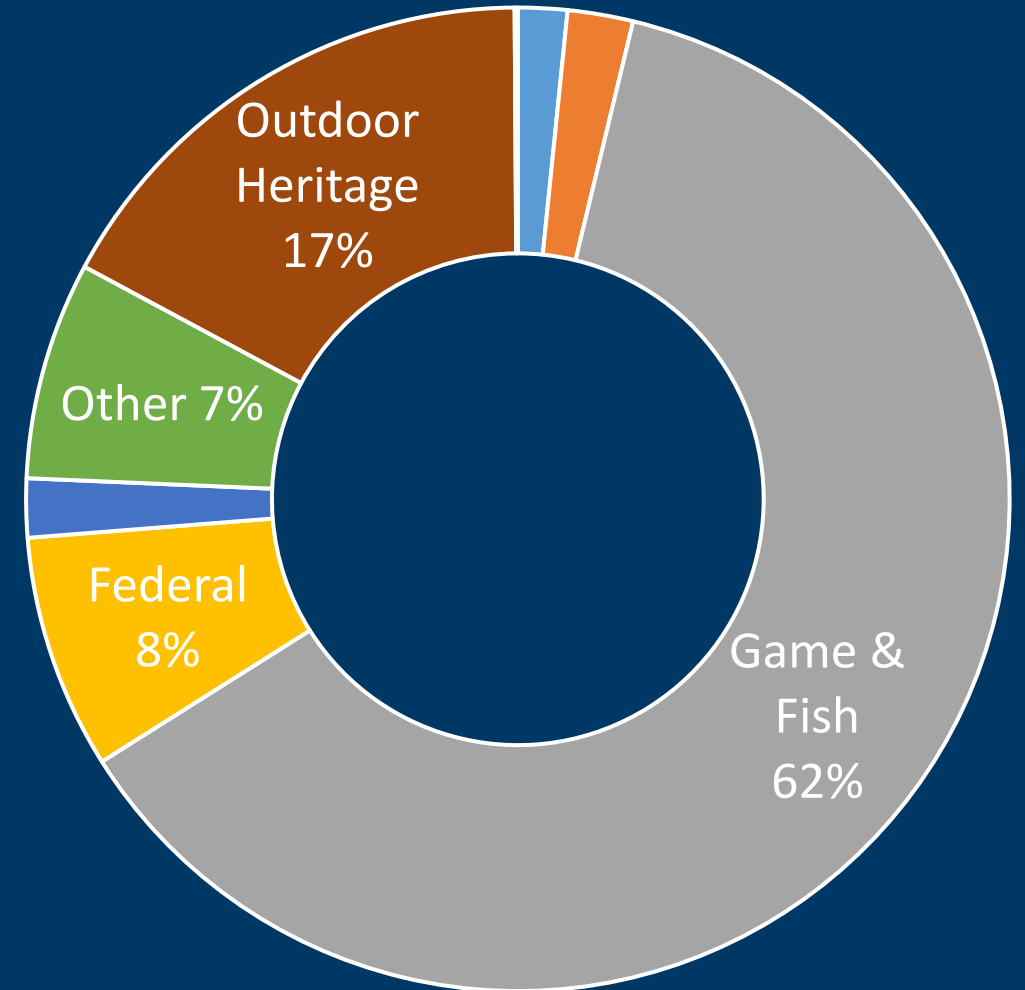
Other funds utilized: Game & Fish (2%); Federal (3%); Other (0.3%).

Fish and Wildlife FY22/23 Budget: \$276M



DNR's Fish and Wildlife:

- monitors and manages fish and wildlife populations
- protects, restores, and enhances key fish and wildlife lands
- connects people to the outdoors through hunting, fishing engagement
- administers hunting and fishing licenses, and recreational vehicle titles and registrations



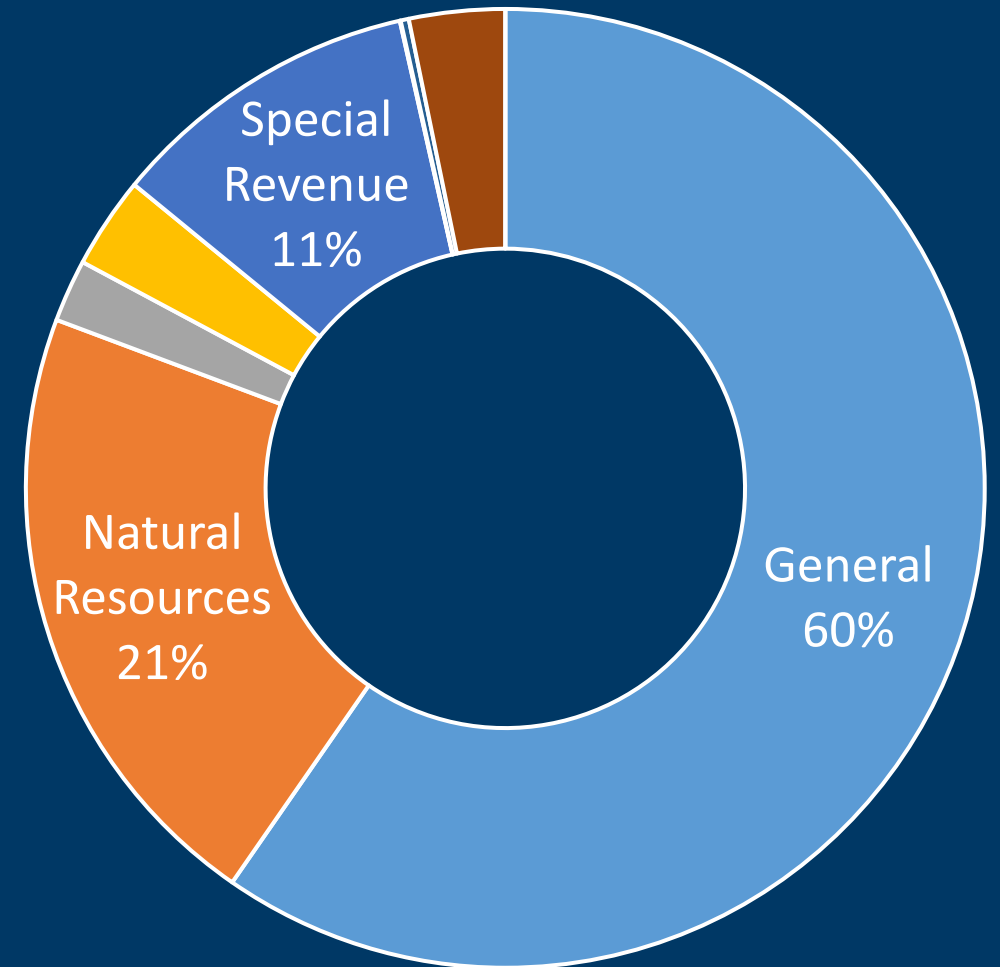
Other funds utilized : General (2%); Natural Resources (3%); Special Revenue (2%); Parks and Trails Legacy (0.1%).

Forestry FY22/23 Budget: \$182M



DNR Forestry:

- conducts fire prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression, and prescribed burning
- manages DNR-administered forest lands and manages timber on school trust lands
- provides technical assistance to communities and private landowners



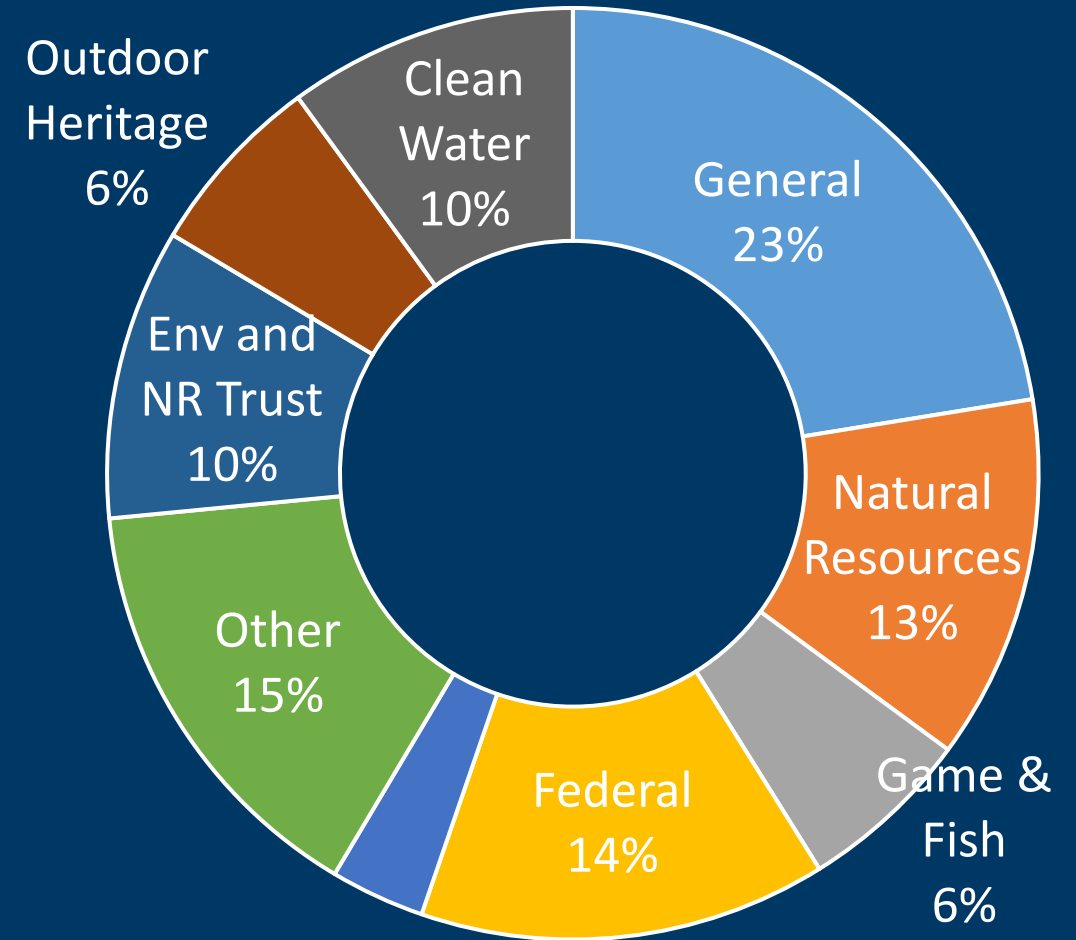
Other funds utilized: Game & Fish (2%); Federal (3%); Special Revenue (2%); Other (0.03%); ENRTF (0.3%).

Ecological and Water Resources

FY22/23 Budget: \$183M

We organize our Ecological and Water Resources work into three main service categories:

- conservation assistance and regulation services
- ecosystem management and protection services
- inventory, monitoring, and analysis services



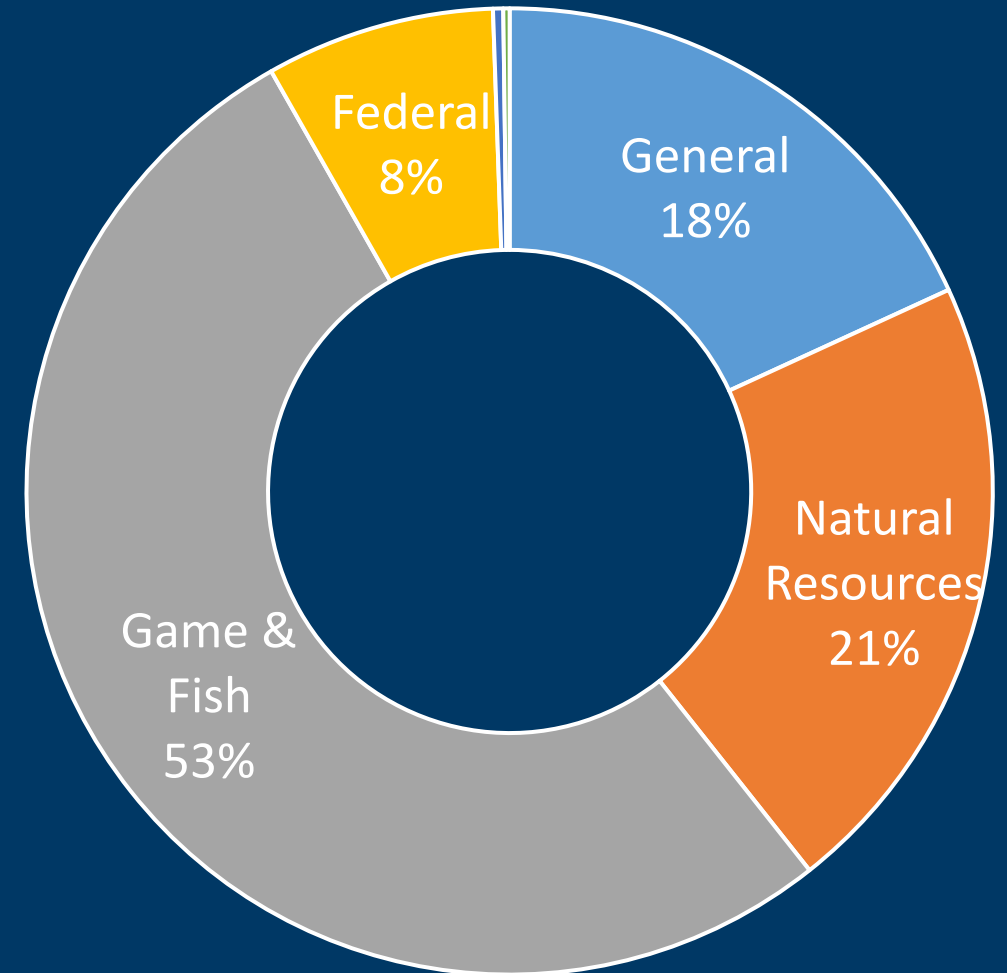
Other funds utilized: Special Revenue (3%).

Enforcement FY22/23 Budget: \$115M



Our Enforcement work includes:

- fish and game education, protection, and enforcement
- recreational safety and enforcement
- natural resource protection and enforcement
- public safety



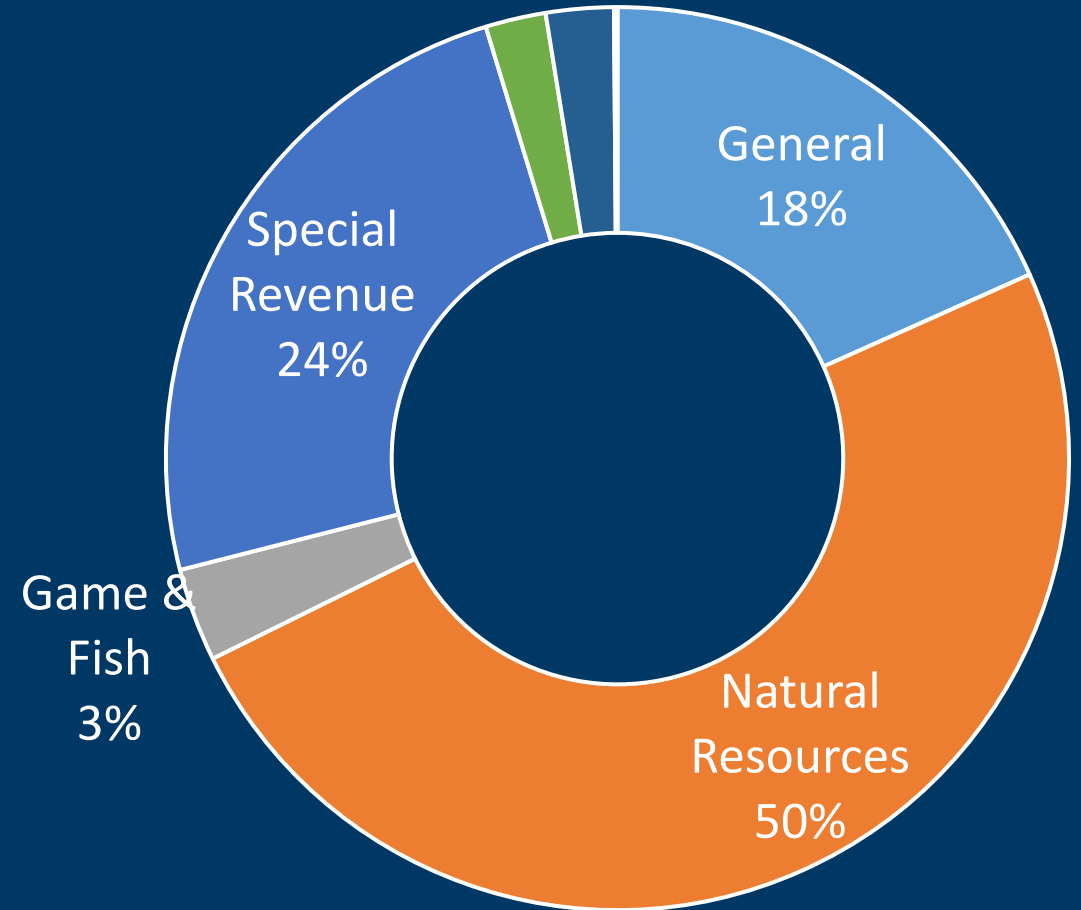
Other funds utilized: Special Revenue (0.3%); Other (0.2%).

Lands and Minerals FY22/23 Budget: \$21M*



DNR meets its lands and minerals goals through three bodies of work:

- mine permitting and reclamation
- minerals management
- real estate management



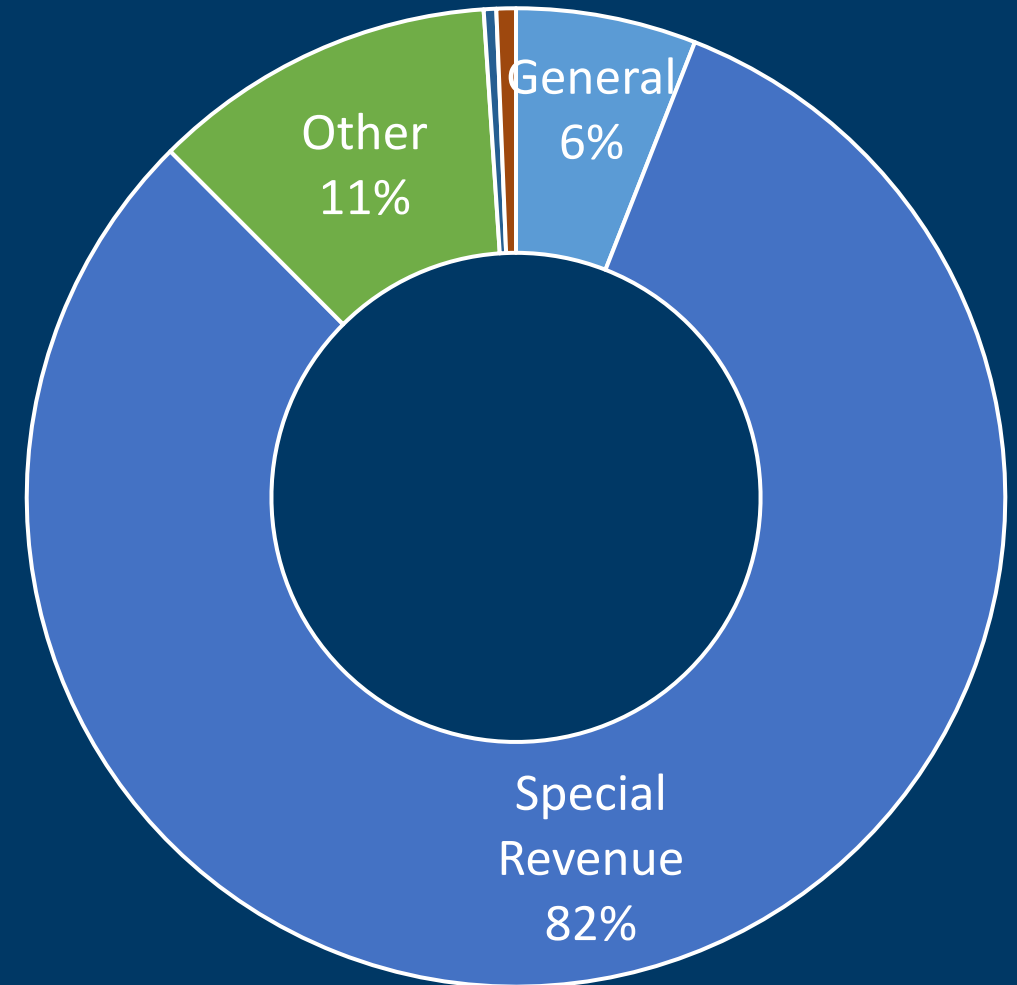
Other funds utilized: Other (2%); ENRTF (2%); Outdoor Heritage (0.1%).

* does not include funds collected from other divisions for certain services

Operations Support FY22/23 Budget: \$33M*

Operations Support promotes department-wide coordination to advance the DNR mission, goals and priorities in partnership with all DNR divisions and programs.

Services include communications, human resources, legal, finance and budget, diversity, fleet and building services.



Other funds utilized: ENRTF (0.4%); Outdoor Heritage (1%).

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Budget Priorities



Connect People to the Outdoors



Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change



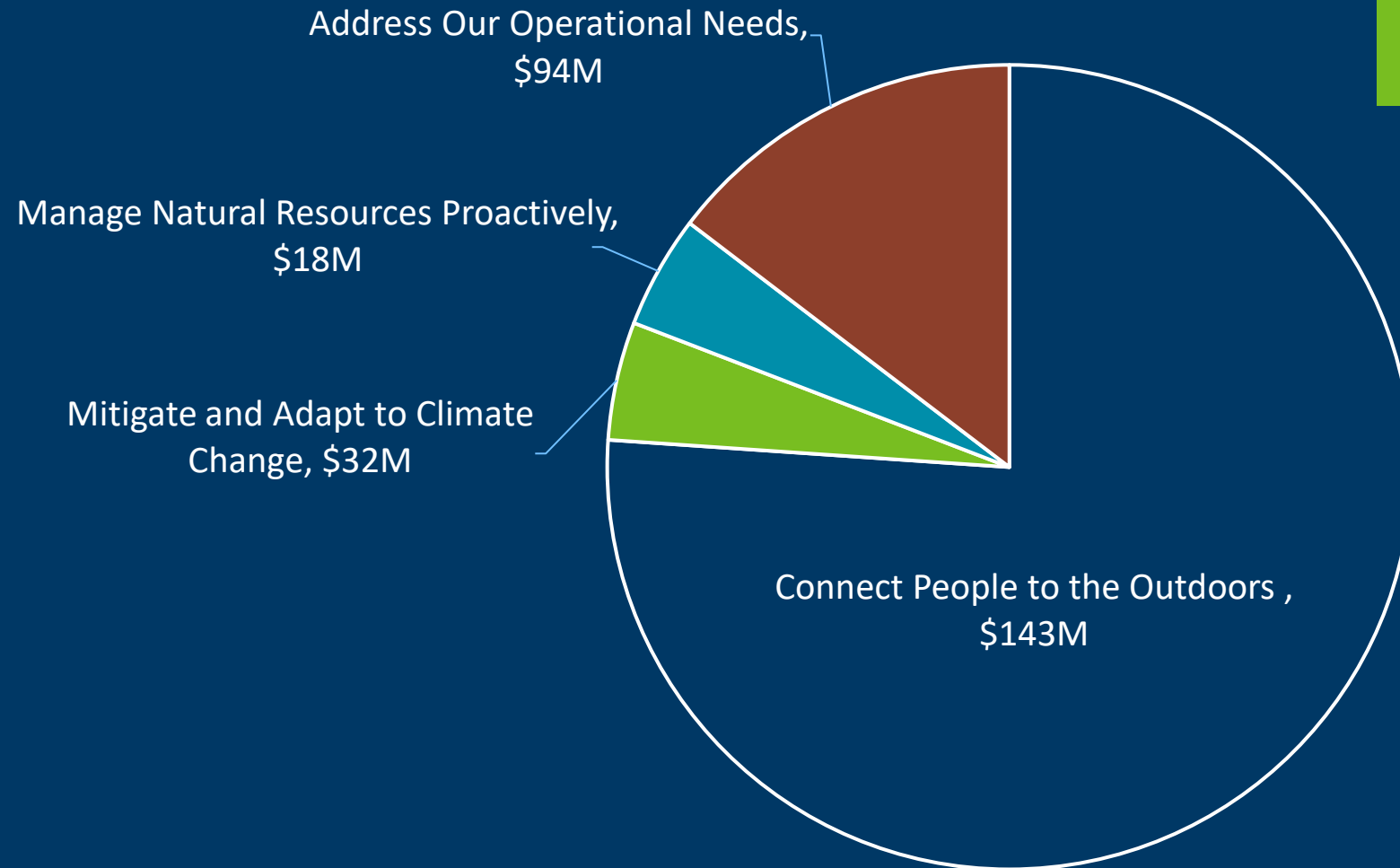
Manage Natural Resources Proactively



Address Our Operational Needs

DNR FY24/25 Governor's Recommendation Overview

**FY24/25 Governor's
Recommendation:
\$287 Million***



* Expenditures only; Excludes bonding and Legacy Fund requests

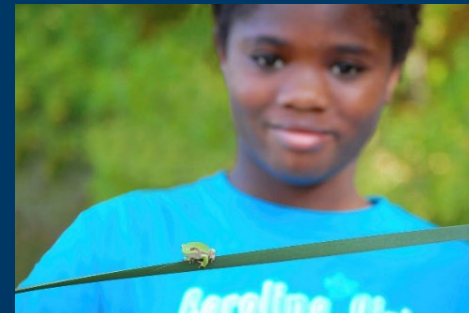


Connect People to the Outdoors

- “Get Out MORE” — Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences (\$118M)
- Improve Visitor Services at State Parks and Recreation Areas (\$6.6M) *
- Address State Trail Maintenance Funding Shortfall (\$2M)
- Improving Minnesota’s Water Recreation Experiences (\$13.2M) *
- Walk-In Access Program (WIA) Sustainability and Expansion (\$800K)
- No Child Left Inside (\$2M)



* Includes a fee increase.



Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences)



Category	General Fund	Bonding	Total Amount (\$ in 000s)
Enhancing Access and Welcoming New Users to Public Lands and Outdoor Recreation Facilities	\$28,000	\$48,000	\$76,000
Modernizing Camping and Related Infrastructure	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$35,000
Modernizing Boating Access	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000
Enhancing Fisheries and Fishing Infrastructure	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$60,000
Restoring Streams and Modernize Water-related Infrastructure	\$15,000		\$15,000
Total	\$118,000	\$118,000	\$236,000



Proposals Supported with Increased Fees: Outdoor Recreation

TYPE OF RECREATION	INCREASED ANNUAL INVESTMENT
PARKS	\$3.3M
FISHING	\$1.2M
BOATING/WATERCRAFT	\$6.5M



Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change

- Enhancing Grasslands and Restoring Wetlands on WMAs for Carbon Capture and Resiliency (\$10M)
- Enhancing Community Forests through the Minnesota ReLeaf Program (\$15.2M)
- Accelerated Tree Seed Collection (\$800K)
- Private Forest Landowner Technical Assistance, Cost Share, and Inventory (\$4.2M)
- Protecting and Restoring Carbon Storage in State-Administered Peatlands (\$1.6M)
- Restoring Streams and Modernizing Water-related Infrastructure (Get Out MORE) (\$15M)

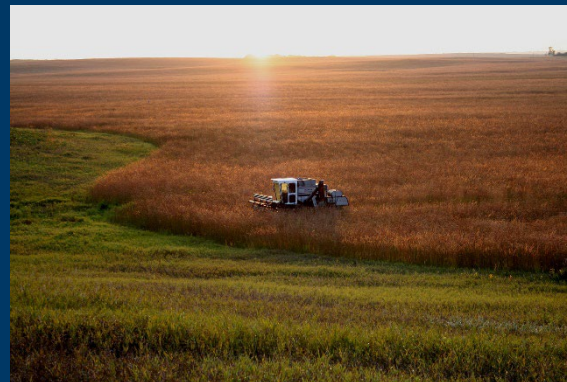




Manage Natural Resources Proactively

- Chronic Wasting Disease Management (\$1.4M)
- Investments in Fishing (\$2.4M) *
- Modernizing Broadband Utility Licensing for State Lands and Public Waters (\$1.8M)
- Updating Utility License Fees for State Lands and Public Waters (\$1.5M) *
- Protecting and Managing Water Resources (\$1.7M) *
- Prevent and Manage Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Minnesota (\$2.2M) *
- Planting Tomorrow's Forests Today (Reforestation) (\$3M)
- Enforcement Aviation Modernization (\$3.1M)
- Increase Mining Regulatory Capacity (\$1.2M)

* Includes a fee increase.



Proposals Supported with Increased Fees: Natural Resources Management

**TYPE OF NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**INCREASED ANNUAL
INVESTMENT**

UTILITY LICENSING

\$800K (approx.)

WATER USE

\$450K

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

\$1.1M



Address Our Operational Needs

- Addressing Safety Needs at the Drill Core Library (\$1M)
- Maintain Current Service Levels (\$89.9M)
- Digital DNR: IT Modernization and Customer Experience Initiative (\$3.1M)
- Enforcement Public Safety Preparedness (\$720K)



Thank you!

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