

The Agency

Department of Environmental Management

Agency Operations

The mission of the Department of Environmental Management is to protect, restore, and manage the State's natural resources; while maintaining its citizens' health and safety, and motivation citizens to practice of an environmental ethic based upon an understanding of their environment, their own dependence on it, and the ways in which their actions affect it.

Agency Objectives

To ensure residents have equal access to environmental benefits; to prevent any segment of the State's population from bearing a disproportionate share of environmental risks and pollution.

To ensure all residents and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a diverse mix of well-maintained, scenic and accessible facilities and outdoor recreation opportunities.

To ensure natural habitats are managed to maintain species biodiversity.

To ensure air, water, and land resources are restored and maintained to protect public health and ecological integrity.

To educate residents and corporate entities to practice an environmental ethic based upon an understanding of their environment, and how their interactions affect it; including prevent pollution and minimize waste at the source.

To practice careful stewardship of Rhode Island's finite water, air, land, agriculture, forest resources, and to ensure that Rhode Island's rich aquatic resources are maintained for the future.

To take necessary actions to preserve and enhance resources of the Narragansett Bay and coastal environments

To revitalize, protect and restore urban areas for reuse while conserving ecologically sensitive urban areas

To promote economic opportunity that preserves the State's resources and maintains Rhode Island's high quality of life for a sound economy.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 42-17.1 establishes the Department of Environmental Management.

The Budget

Department of Environmental Management

	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Office of the Director	8,009,309	6,930,608	8,645,285	7,615,877	7,643,697
Bureau of Natural Resources	32,485,864	34,752,699	45,574,332	49,086,565	47,776,008
Bureau of Environmental Protection	29,878,351	24,882,906	36,753,628	38,321,206	36,882,933
Total Expenditures	\$70,373,524	\$66,566,213	\$90,973,245	\$95,023,648	\$92,302,638
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	51,913,068	46,065,916	52,763,108	56,204,852	56,658,385
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,796,650	8,389,791	10,304,086	10,177,270	10,569,638
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	2,000
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	5,834,827	3,996,921	11,255,349	8,515,614	8,016,724
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$66,544,545	\$58,452,628	\$74,322,543	\$74,897,736	\$75,246,747
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,828,979	8,014,445	16,650,702	20,125,912	17,055,891
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	99,140	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$70,373,524	\$66,566,213	\$90,973,245	\$95,023,648	\$92,302,638
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	36,032,812	32,853,893	35,484,369	32,811,928	34,665,256
Federal Funds	18,024,013	19,660,114	33,680,872	38,503,320	35,386,175
Restricted Receipts	13,483,302	11,413,374	15,246,049	13,950,042	14,136,916
Other Funds	2,833,397	2,638,832	6,561,955	9,758,358	8,114,291
Total Expenditures	\$70,373,524	\$66,566,213	\$90,973,245	\$95,023,648	\$92,302,638
FTE Authorization	482.0	409.0	417.0	414.0	414.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	5.6%	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%	5.5%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	33.1%	35.4%	34.4%	34.4%	33.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	9.2%	9.5%	10.2%	10.2%	9.7%

The Program

Department of Environmental Management Office of the Director

Program Operations

The Office of the Director develops and implements the agency's wide range of programs to protect Rhode Island's environment; protect the citizens of the state from public health threats resulting from pollution; and provide facilities that support a diversity of outdoor recreational activities. The Office includes: The Office of Management Services; Legal Services; Administrative Adjudication; and two central services offices; Human Resources and Information Technology. The Office also coordinates the Department's Planning & Policy Initiatives, legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, and Communications & Outreach.

The Office of Management Services is responsible for managing the financial, budget, licensing and business support services for the department. This involves maintaining approximately 200 separate accounts for the department's programs, as well as the issuance of 22,000 boat registrations and all hunting and fishing licenses.

The Office of Legal Services counsels and represents the department and its divisions, and provides legal guidance on the development and administration of regulatory programs. It also provides legal assistance to a number of municipalities particularly in the area of land use relating to the preservation of open space.

The Office of Administrative Adjudication is the administrative tribunal for environmental matters originating from the Department. It adjudicates appeals of enforcement actions taken by the Department's regulatory programs and hears enforcement appeals for alleged violations of statutes and/or regulations. The Office is responsible for ensuring that the regulated community has an opportunity to contest actions taken by the Department and have such actions reviewed at the agency level.

The Human Resource Service Center staff provides direct administrative support to the Department Director, Senior Management and the agency's workforce, which currently comprises approximately 405 full-time employees and 510 seasonal positions. Functions include payroll, personnel administration, labor relations, equal employment opportunity, minority recruitment/internship program, and training.

The Information Technology Service Center staff provides oversight, coordination, and development of standardized investments in software, hardware, networks and services. Staff provides the Department with effective and efficient application of information technology; and delivers secure, innovative, and reliable technology solutions in the most responsive and effective manner.

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Department of Environmental Management Office of the Director

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Expenditures by Subprogram					
Administration	3,571,777	3,137,223	3,345,496	3,131,990	3,204,268
Environmental Coordination	274,866	292,182	1,444,664	1,054,039	978,469
Management Services	2,641,911	2,612,723	2,373,517	2,403,849	2,297,628
Legal Services	679,212	452,223	647,044	425,197	532,614
Employee Relations/Human Resources	7,975	-	-	-	-
Planning and Development	(21,251)	(102)	-	-	-
Administrative Adjudication	657,292	377,946	648,564	507,050	536,966
Permit Streamlining	197,527	58,413	186,000	93,752	93,752
Total Expenditures	\$8,009,309	\$6,930,608	\$8,645,285	\$7,615,877	\$7,643,697
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	5,133,755	4,177,809	5,316,322	4,610,564	4,610,720
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,598,204	2,526,765	2,713,398	2,653,998	2,683,662
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	255,308	221,922	575,065	320,065	320,065
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$7,987,267	\$6,926,496	\$8,604,785	\$7,584,627	\$7,614,447
Capital Purchases and Equipment	22,042	4,112	40,500	31,250	29,250
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$8,009,309	\$6,930,608	\$8,645,285	\$7,615,877	\$7,643,697
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	5,789,124	4,496,140	5,185,950	4,416,037	4,640,299
Federal Funds	73,022	91,987	791,315	656,315	566,300
Restricted Receipts	2,168,741	2,342,481	2,668,020	2,543,525	2,437,098
Other Funds	(21,578)	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$8,009,309	\$6,930,608	\$8,645,285	\$7,615,877	\$7,643,697
Program Measures	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

The Program

Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources

Program Operations

The Bureau of Natural Resources is organized into six divisions:

The Division of Fish and Wildlife manages the State's marine and freshwater, and upland resources to achieve a sustained yield for commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen and hunters; to enhance non-consumptive uses of wildlife; and to protect the State's rare, and endangered species. The division maintains state-owned management areas, fishing areas, and boat ramps also coordinating recreational and research opportunities and activities at the Narragansett Bay Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Division of Agriculture and Marketing manages the State's agriculture programs, including farm viability and protection; licensing and permitting; farm-best management practices; animal health, mosquito and rabies disease control; and pesticide management and regulation.

The Division of Enforcement enforces state laws and regulations governing hunting and fishing, public safety in state parks, and recreational boating. The division maintains a 24-hour hotline and dispatch center, conducts search and rescue activities on both land and the bay, and responds to animal complaints, particularly those associated with rabies. The division oversees the Criminal Investigation Unit, which investigates solid, medical, and hazardous waste violations.

The Division of Parks and Recreation administers, maintains, and operates, eight major state parks, five campgrounds, seven state beaches, a golf course, the East Bay and Blackstone Bike Paths, and other secondary parks, historic sites and monuments totaling approximately 14,000 acres.

The Division of Forest Environment manages 40,000 acres of state-owned forests. It coordinates forest fire protection plans, the Urban Forestry Grant Program, and it assists rural volunteer fire departments.

The Division of Planning and Development is responsible for state land acquisitions, engineering/design work for improvements to state parks and facilities, and local matching grant programs for outdoor recreation, open space preservation and greenways/trails grants as well as oversee all land leases and capital assets of port facilities and commercial fishing piers in Narragansett and Newport.

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Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources

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Expenditures by Subprogram					
Fish, Wildlife & Estuarine Resources	7,483,474	7,484,760	11,860,640	13,669,391	15,417,943
Agriculture	2,272,780	2,106,135	2,370,390	2,308,050	2,495,193
Enforcement	6,105,400	5,302,015	6,469,070	6,445,847	6,346,947
Natural Resources Administration	2,961,191	2,475,388	7,945,605	9,385,610	7,187,155
Parks and Recreation	10,453,462	10,809,860	11,108,651	11,484,804	11,073,365
Forest Environment	2,748,924	5,938,204	4,561,276	4,356,321	4,247,249
Coastal Resources	460,633	636,337	1,258,700	1,436,542	1,008,156
Total Expenditures	\$32,485,864	\$34,752,699	\$45,574,332	\$49,086,565	\$47,776,008
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	22,485,163	20,585,521	22,012,339	21,888,512	23,229,618
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,322,958	4,994,424	6,139,157	6,048,351	6,426,890
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	2,000
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	1,131,764	1,309,940	2,434,084	2,857,360	2,813,459
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$28,939,885	\$26,889,885	\$30,585,580	\$30,794,223	\$32,471,967
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,545,979	7,862,814	14,988,752	18,292,342	15,304,041
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$32,485,864	\$34,752,699	\$45,574,332	\$49,086,565	\$47,776,008
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	19,000,964	17,788,330	18,222,294	17,319,658	18,028,814
Federal Funds	8,684,182	12,121,480	18,203,843	21,044,133	21,379,160
Restricted Receipts	3,068,893	2,415,748	3,586,240	3,662,784	3,930,478
Other Funds	1,731,825	2,427,141	5,561,955	7,059,990	4,437,556
Total Expenditures	\$32,485,864	\$34,752,699	\$45,574,332	\$49,086,565	\$47,776,008
Program Measures					
Cumulative Percentage of Land Acquisition Goal of 17,850 Acres Actually Acquired	53.0%	57.0%	60.0%	60.0%	63.0%
Percentage of RI Communities on at Least the Formative Level in the Urban Forestry Program	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%
Percentage of RI Communities on at Least the Sustained Level in the Urban Forestry Program	27.6%	28.0%	25.0%	25.0%	40.0%

The Program

Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Environmental Protection

Program Operations

The Bureau of Environmental Protection is composed of regulatory and assistance programs.

The Office of Water Resources operates the following regulatory programs: Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; Pretreatment; Underground Injection Control; Groundwater Protection; Water Quality Certification; Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems; Freshwater Wetlands; Water Quality Restoration Studies (TMDLS); Shellfish Area Monitoring; Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sludge Programs, Nonpoint Source; Water Quality Monitoring and Standards; Financial Assistance (SRF/Bond Funds).

The Office of Compliance and Inspection centralizes response to citizen complaints and regulatory enforcement activities in Air Resources, Waste Management, and Water Resources, to ensure that the department has consistent enforcement policies to address the most serious issues and investigates suspected violations and takes enforcement actions.

The Office for Customer and Technical Assistance serves the public by coordinating the review of projects requiring multiple applications and permits and tracking the status of permitting activities throughout the bureau. OCTA directly reviews projects funded by federal economic stimulus programs. The office assists businesses to prevent pollution by adhering to regulations made more effective by the Environmental Results Program in priority sectors.

The Office of Air Resources is responsible for the protection and improvement of Rhode Island's air resources through monitoring and regulating the emission of air pollutants from stationary and mobile sources.

The Office of Waste Management regulates the transportation and disposal of solid, medical and hazardous wastes and the investigation and remediation of unpermitted releases of those materials. It includes the Site Remediation Program; Brownfield initiatives; Superfund and Department of Defense site programs; Waste Facility Management Program; and Underground Storage Tank Program.

The Emergency Response Program responds to emergency spills of oil and chemicals that present an immediate threat to public health and the environment, including events related to terrorism and natural disasters.

Program Objective

To ensure the quality of Rhode Island's air, water, and land resources through regulating activities that compromise public health and impact the environment; prevent further degradation of environmental resources; restore existing features and a bureau-wide ethic of customer assistance.

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Expenditures by Subprogram					
Water Resources	7,995,032	7,542,301	11,063,033	10,767,909	11,215,775
Environmental Protection Administration	144,019	130,284	154,242	152,087	206,614
Compliance & Inspection	4,297,014	4,611,522	4,968,119	5,019,446	5,139,333
Technical & Customer Assistance	939,925	822,472	1,420,830	1,431,759	1,472,468
RIPDES	978,145	1,011,754	1,091,036	1,043,523	1,097,591
Air Resources	3,777,655	3,182,061	6,221,080	8,179,773	7,996,477
Waste Management	6,384,269	3,621,767	4,860,569	6,511,984	4,842,099
Environmental Response	5,362,292	3,960,745	6,974,719	5,214,725	4,912,576
Total Expenditures	\$29,878,351	\$24,882,906	\$36,753,628	\$38,321,206	\$36,882,933
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	24,294,150	21,302,586	25,434,447	29,705,776	28,818,047
Operating Supplies and Expenses	875,488	868,602	1,451,531	1,474,921	1,459,086
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,447,755	2,465,059	8,246,200	5,338,189	4,883,200
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$29,617,393	\$24,636,247	\$35,132,178	\$36,518,886	\$35,160,333
Capital Purchases and Equipment	260,958	147,519	1,621,450	1,802,320	1,722,600
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	99,140	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$29,878,351	\$24,882,906	\$36,753,628	\$38,321,206	\$36,882,933
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	11,242,724	10,569,423	12,076,125	11,076,233	11,996,143
Federal Funds	9,266,809	7,446,647	14,685,714	16,802,872	13,440,715
Restricted Receipts	8,245,668	6,655,145	8,991,789	7,743,733	7,769,340
Other Funds	1,123,150	211,691	1,000,000	2,698,368	3,676,735
Total Expenditures	\$29,878,351	\$24,882,906	\$36,753,628	\$38,321,206	\$36,882,933
Program Measures					
Percentage of Sites Suspected or Identified as Contaminated that are Cleaned Up	45.3%	47.0%	42.0%	42.0%	43.0%
Percentage of Operating Permit Programs that are Inspected Annually for Compliance with Air Quality Standards	32.0%	46.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%