

# The Agency

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## Department of Environmental Management

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### Agency Operations

The mission of the Department of Environmental Management is to enhance the quality of life for this and future generations by protecting, managing, and restoring the natural resources of the State; enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities; protecting public health; preventing environmental degradation; guiding the utilization of the State's natural resources to provide for sustainable economic opportunity while sustaining the natural environment; and motivating the citizens of the State to practice 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 Rhode Islanders have equal access to environmental benefits; to prevent any segment of Rhode Island's population from bearing a disproportionate share of environmental risks and pollution.

To educate residents and corporate entities to practice an environmental ethic based upon an understanding of their environment, and how their interactions affect it; to ensure air, water, and land resources are restored and maintained to protect public health and ecological integrity.

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

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 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 educate citizens so that all Rhode Islanders prevent pollution and minimize waste at the source.

To ensure natural habitats are managed to maintain species biodiversity.

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

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

### Statutory History

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

# The Budget

## Department of Environmental Management

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Office of the Director	9,850,268	8,009,309	8,757,719	7,868,592	8,812,494
Bureau of Natural Resources	33,380,059	32,485,864	47,308,018	47,431,049	44,335,024
Bureau of Environmental Protection	32,796,820	29,878,351	32,892,415	31,969,114	36,390,128
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$76,027,147</b>	<b>\$70,373,524</b>	<b>\$88,958,152</b>	<b>\$87,268,755</b>	<b>\$89,537,646</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	57,210,905	51,913,068	54,493,773	51,215,635	52,277,956
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,733,451	8,796,650	9,484,789	10,080,994	10,295,430
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,730,646	5,834,827	10,233,488	7,103,874	11,097,118
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$70,675,002</b>	<b>\$66,544,545</b>	<b>\$74,212,050</b>	<b>\$68,400,503</b>	<b>\$73,670,504</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	5,352,145	3,828,979	14,746,102	18,868,252	15,867,142
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$76,027,147</b>	<b>\$70,373,524</b>	<b>\$88,958,152</b>	<b>\$87,268,755</b>	<b>\$89,537,646</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	38,071,852	36,032,812	35,779,384	34,011,362	35,651,578
Federal Funds	21,320,143	18,024,013	33,435,438	34,508,404	32,067,164
Restricted Receipts	15,257,111	13,483,302	16,411,875	13,514,137	15,246,049
Other Funds	1,378,041	2,833,397	3,331,455	5,234,852	6,572,855
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$76,027,147</b>	<b>\$70,373,524</b>	<b>\$88,958,152</b>	<b>\$87,268,755</b>	<b>\$89,537,646</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>491.4</b>	<b>473.0</b>	<b>409.0</b>	<b>417.0</b>
<b>Agency Measures</b>					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	5.6%	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%	5.8%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	32.8%	33.1%	35.4%	35.4%	34.4%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	8.5%	9.2%	9.5%	9.5%	10.2%

# The Program

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## Department of Environmental Management Office of the Director

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### Program Operations

The Office of the Director includes the following five offices: Policy, Communications, and Customer Service; Financial Management; Human Resources; Legal Services; and Management Information Systems.

The Office of Policy, Communications, and Customer Service coordinate overarching policy and strategic planning initiatives, legislation and intergovernmental affairs, media relations, public information and education, and frontline customer service operations.

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 38,000 boat registrations and all hunting and fishing licenses.

The Office of Human Resources provides administrative human resources support for over 520 full-time employees and approximately 475 seasonal positions. Functions include payroll, personnel administration, labor relations, equal employment opportunity, minority recruitment/internship program, and training.

The Office of Legal Services represents the department in hearings and enforcement, and provides legal guidance on the development and administration of regulatory programs.

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Office provides department-wide computer/technology services including the environmental permit database, e-government services, and a help desk, and administers major federal grants for information reporting.

Administrative Adjudication has been relocated to the legal division at the Department of Administration where appeals of department permitting, regulatory and enforcement decisions are heard.

### Statutory History

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

# The Budget

## Department of Environmental Management Office of the Director

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Subprogram</b>					
Administration	4,148,896	3,571,777	3,620,234	3,226,641	3,362,705
Environmental Coordination	468,473	274,866	1,184,005	1,170,143	1,444,664
Management Services	2,843,977	2,641,911	2,570,659	2,484,470	2,523,517
Legal Services	1,529,270	679,212	574,781	408,452	647,044
Employee Relations/Human Resources	9,627	7,975	-	-	-
Planning and Development	172	(21,251)	-	-	-
Administrative Adjudication	664,249	657,292	683,620	392,886	648,564
Permit Streamlining	185,604	197,527	124,420	186,000	186,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,850,268</b>	<b>\$8,009,309</b>	<b>\$8,757,719</b>	<b>\$7,868,592</b>	<b>\$8,812,494</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	6,706,861	5,133,755	5,421,532	4,594,229	5,316,322
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,661,116	2,598,204	2,720,587	2,651,689	2,723,498
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	396,417	255,308	593,600	582,174	582,174
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,764,394</b>	<b>\$7,987,267</b>	<b>\$8,735,719</b>	<b>\$7,828,092</b>	<b>\$8,621,994</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	85,874	22,042	22,000	40,500	190,500
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,850,268</b>	<b>\$8,009,309</b>	<b>\$8,757,719</b>	<b>\$7,868,592</b>	<b>\$8,812,494</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	7,291,516	5,789,124	5,539,371	4,746,927	5,353,159
Federal Funds	468,016	73,022	536,513	521,513	791,315
Restricted Receipts	2,090,736	2,168,741	2,681,835	2,600,152	2,668,020
Other Funds	-	(21,578)	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,850,268</b>	<b>\$8,009,309</b>	<b>\$8,757,719</b>	<b>\$7,868,592</b>	<b>\$8,812,494</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

# The Program

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## Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources

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### 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, and ports facilities and commercial fishing piers in Galilee, Jerusalem, and Newport.

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 for the department, 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 manages eight major state parks, 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 oversees facilities and land management and coordinates recreational activities at the Narragansett Bay Estuarine Research Reserve.

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.

### Program Objective

The objectives of this bureau are to provide stewardship of the State's finite water, air, land, agricultural, forest resources, and the conservation of the State's aquatic resources; and provide people with well-maintained, scenic, and accessible outdoor recreational opportunities.

### Statutory History

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

# The Budget

## Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Subprogram</b>					
Fish, Wildlife & Estuarine Resources	7,584,571	7,483,474	11,584,233	12,534,937	11,091,758
Agriculture	2,287,628	2,272,780	4,792,524	2,370,241	2,287,150
Enforcement	5,432,696	6,105,400	5,785,037	5,616,910	5,678,084
Natural Resources Administration	4,764,576	2,961,191	7,459,261	6,643,749	8,370,605
Parks and Recreation	10,380,954	10,453,462	11,083,256	12,107,323	11,069,551
Forest Environment	2,914,735	2,748,924	5,603,707	6,940,625	4,529,176
Coastal Resources	14,899	460,633	1,000,000	1,217,264	1,308,700
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,380,059</b>	<b>\$32,485,864</b>	<b>\$47,308,018</b>	<b>\$47,431,049</b>	<b>\$44,335,024</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	22,483,107	22,485,163	23,780,528	21,688,459	21,658,687
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,038,371	5,322,958	5,363,482	6,122,995	6,120,401
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	1,133,370	1,131,764	4,589,432	2,308,744	2,268,744
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$28,654,848</b>	<b>\$28,939,885</b>	<b>\$33,733,442</b>	<b>\$30,120,198</b>	<b>\$30,047,832</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	4,725,211	3,545,979	13,574,576	17,310,851	14,287,192
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,380,059</b>	<b>\$32,485,864</b>	<b>\$47,308,018</b>	<b>\$47,431,049</b>	<b>\$44,335,024</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	18,607,444	19,000,964	18,853,058	18,208,794	18,222,294
Federal Funds	10,435,851	8,684,182	21,581,338	20,872,596	16,953,635
Restricted Receipts	2,958,723	3,068,893	3,542,167	3,666,658	3,586,240
Other Funds	1,378,041	1,731,825	3,331,455	4,683,001	5,572,855
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,380,059</b>	<b>\$32,485,864</b>	<b>\$47,308,018</b>	<b>\$47,431,049</b>	<b>\$44,335,024</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>					
Cumulative Percentage of Land Acquisition Goal of 17,850 Acres Actually Acquired	91.8%	53.0%	59.0%	59.0%	65.0%
Quahog Biomass in Metric Tons as a Percentage of Biomass Required for Stock to be Self-Sustaining	59.6%	64.0%	64.0%	64.0%	72.0%
Percentage of Rhode Island Agricultural Samples Meeting State and Federal Standards	97.0%	96.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percentage of RI Communities on Designated Levels in the Urban Forestry Program					
Percentage of RI Communities on at least:					
Formative Level	80.0%	80.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Developmental Level	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%
Sustained Level	27.5%	27.5%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%

# The Program

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## Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Environmental Protection

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### 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 & Surface Water Quality Certification; Individual Septic Disposal Systems; Freshwater Wetlands; Water Quality Restoration Studies; Total Maximum Daily Loading (TDML); Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sludge Programs, and Sustainable Watershed Initiatives. In FY 2009, the Governor recommends consolidating the Water Resources Board into this Office.

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 Permitting Coordination and Innovations assists the public by coordinating review of multiple applications and permits and tracking the status of permitting activities throughout the bureau. 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.

### Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 42-17.1 establishes the Department of Environmental Management. Language is included in the FY 2009 Appropriations Act to effectuate this consolidation.

# The Budget

## Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Environmental Protection

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Subprogram</b>					
Water Resources	8,188,618	7,995,032	10,040,428	10,468,139	11,813,033
Environmental Protection Administration	118,506	144,019	134,690	133,891	154,242
Compliance & Inspection	4,606,659	4,297,014	5,475,513	5,116,683	4,968,119
Technical & Customer Assistance	726,375	939,925	837,198	817,722	1,420,830
RIPDES	955,199	978,145	1,034,839	1,065,237	1,091,036
Air Resources	3,489,046	3,777,655	3,821,777	4,604,145	5,989,080
Waste Management	7,810,802	6,384,269	4,920,789	5,663,568	4,729,069
Environmental Response	6,901,615	5,362,292	6,627,181	4,099,729	6,224,719
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,796,820</b>	<b>\$29,878,351</b>	<b>\$32,892,415</b>	<b>\$31,969,114</b>	<b>\$36,390,128</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	28,020,937	24,294,150	25,291,713	24,932,947	25,302,947
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,033,964	875,488	1,400,720	1,306,310	1,451,531
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	3,200,859	4,447,755	5,050,456	4,212,956	8,246,200
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,255,760</b>	<b>\$29,617,393</b>	<b>\$31,742,889</b>	<b>\$30,452,213</b>	<b>\$35,000,678</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	541,060	260,958	1,149,526	1,516,901	1,389,450
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,796,820</b>	<b>\$29,878,351</b>	<b>\$32,892,415</b>	<b>\$31,969,114</b>	<b>\$36,390,128</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	12,172,892	11,242,724	11,386,955	11,055,641	12,076,125
Federal Funds	10,416,276	9,266,809	11,317,587	13,114,295	14,322,214
Restricted Receipts	10,207,652	8,245,668	10,187,873	7,247,327	8,991,789
Other Funds	-	1,123,150	-	551,851	1,000,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,796,820</b>	<b>\$29,878,351</b>	<b>\$32,892,415</b>	<b>\$31,969,114</b>	<b>\$36,390,128</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>					
Percentage of Sites Suspected or Identified as Contaminated that are Cleaned Up	45.0%	45.3%	43.0%	43.0%	44.0%
Percentage of Operating Permit Programs that are Inspected Annually for Compliance with Air Quality Standards	39.5%	32.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Percentage of Emission Caps that are Inspected Annually	50.0%	40.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Average Number of Days Required to Process Wetlands Permits from Receipt of Application to Final Decision Date	113	125	100	100	80