

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



Fiscal Year 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

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 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2011 Revised	FY 2012 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Office of the Director	\$6,930,608	\$6,561,423	\$7,639,383	\$7,981,102	\$8,196,933
Bureau of Natural Resources	\$34,752,724	\$33,275,839	\$48,624,641	\$53,250,365	\$52,692,139
Bureau of Environmental Protection	\$24,882,917	\$24,933,606	\$36,856,687	\$39,433,177	\$36,693,313
Total Expenditures	\$66,566,249	\$64,770,868	\$93,120,711	\$100,664,644	\$97,582,385
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	46,065,952	45,055,169	56,396,458	61,372,460	61,177,351
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,387,383	8,210,359	10,569,638	10,611,877	10,651,705
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	2,000	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	3,996,921	3,661,929	8,016,724	9,098,519	7,759,908
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$58,450,256	\$56,927,457	\$74,984,820	\$81,082,856	\$79,588,964
Capital Purchases and Equipment	8,016,853	7,771,137	18,135,891	19,531,788	17,943,421
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	99,140	72,274	-	50,000	50,000
Total Expenditures	\$66,566,249	\$64,770,868	\$93,120,711	\$100,664,644	\$97,582,385
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	32,853,889	32,646,082	34,403,329	34,268,194	35,495,587
Federal Funds	19,660,143	18,437,828	35,386,175	42,330,832	38,356,542
Restricted Receipts	11,413,385	10,159,927	14,136,916	14,674,427	15,831,035
Other Funds	2,638,832	3,527,031	9,194,291	9,391,191	7,899,221
Total Expenditures	\$66,566,249	\$64,770,868	\$93,120,711	\$100,664,644	\$97,582,385
FTE Authorization	409.0	402.5	410.0	410.0	410.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%	5.5%	6.5%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	35.4%	34.4%	34.4%	33.0%	33.9%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	9.5%	10.2%	10.2%	9.7%	11.7%

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 22,339 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	3,137,223	2,919,389	3,199,954	3,041,670	3,099,358
Environmental Coordination	292,182	257,816	978,469	1,076,900	926,200
Management Services	2,612,724	2,437,627	2,297,628	2,571,141	2,715,442
Legal Services	452,223	431,767	532,614	482,705	635,232
Employee Relations/Human Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Planning and Development	(102)	-	-	-	-
Administrative Adjudication	377,945	485,541	536,966	720,103	732,287
Permit Streamlining	58,413	29,283	93,752	88,583	88,414
Total Expenditures	\$6,930,608	\$6,561,423	\$7,639,383	\$7,981,102	\$8,196,933
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,177,809	3,860,169	4,606,406	4,892,521	5,111,274
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,526,765	2,484,014	2,683,662	2,552,836	2,734,914
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	221,922	189,372	320,065	505,065	320,065
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$6,926,496	\$6,533,555	\$7,610,133	\$7,950,422	\$8,166,253
Capital Purchases and Equipment	4,112	27,868	29,250	30,680	30,680
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$6,930,608	\$6,561,423	\$7,639,383	\$7,981,102	\$8,196,933
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,496,139	4,220,711	4,635,985	4,547,591	4,887,414
Federal Funds	91,987	66,301	566,300	674,300	476,300
Restricted Receipts	2,342,482	2,274,411	2,437,098	2,759,211	2,833,219
Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$6,930,608	\$6,561,423	\$7,639,383	\$7,981,102	\$8,196,933
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.

The Division of Agriculture and Resource 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 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 administers, maintains and operates these facilities as well as coordinating recreational opportunities and activities at the Narragansett Bay Estuarine Research Reserve and all port facilities and commercial fishing piers in Narragansett and Newport.

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.

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Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources

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Expenditures by Subprogram					
Fish, Wildlife & Estuarine Resources	7,484,775	7,540,729	15,417,943	21,338,549	19,868,632
Agriculture	2,106,137	2,062,845	2,495,193	2,503,807	2,582,898
Enforcement	5,302,020	4,871,692	6,346,947	6,199,882	6,489,656
Natural Resources Administration	2,475,391	4,808,993	7,187,155	5,676,101	4,838,309
Parks and Recreation	10,809,860	10,816,259	11,591,998	12,004,974	13,432,862
Forest Environment	5,938,204	2,219,358	4,247,249	4,197,052	4,279,782
Coastal Resources	636,337	955,963	1,338,156	1,330,000	1,200,000
Total Expenditures	34,752,724	33,275,839	48,624,641	53,250,365	52,692,139
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	20,585,546	20,537,283	22,998,251	25,939,589	26,339,066
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,992,016	5,016,031	6,426,890	6,639,857	6,489,268
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	2,000	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	1,309,940	1,191,139	2,813,459	2,926,411	2,841,464
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$26,887,502	26,744,453	\$32,240,600	\$35,505,857	\$35,669,798
Capital Purchases and Equipment	7,865,222	6,478,666	16,384,041	17,694,508	16,972,341
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	52,720	-	50,000	50,000
Total Expenditures	\$34,752,724	33,275,839	48,624,641	\$53,250,365	52,692,139
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	17,788,329	17,354,137	17,797,447	17,763,138	18,508,312
Federal Funds	12,121,497	10,825,146	21,379,160	25,940,140	24,455,444
Restricted Receipts	2,415,757	1,672,876	3,930,478	3,833,681	5,479,269
Other Funds	2,427,141	3,423,680	5,517,556	5,713,406	4,249,114
Total Expenditures	\$34,752,724	\$33,275,839	\$48,624,641	\$53,250,365	\$52,692,139
Program Measures					
Cumulative Percentage of Land Acquisition Goal of 17,850 Acres Actually Acquired	59.0%	62.0%	65.0%	65.0%	68.0%
Percentage of RI Communities on at Least the Formative Level in the Urban Forestry Program	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Percentage of RI Communities on at Least the Sustained Level in the Urban Forestry Program	25.0%	25.0%	40.0%	40.0%	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, including administration of the RI Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Fund.

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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Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Environmental Protection

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2011 Revised	FY 2012 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Water Resources	7,542,305	7,164,348	11,189,529	11,200,176	11,578,850
Environmental Protection Administration	130,284	127,016	206,614	203,574	169,459
Compliance & Inspection	4,611,523	4,117,355	5,139,333	4,952,435	4,586,534
Technical & Customer Assistance	822,472	1,422,279	1,472,468	1,485,121	1,549,589
RIPDES	1,011,754	995,355	1,097,591	1,160,992	1,149,622
Air Resources	3,182,065	3,053,120	7,996,477	9,492,849	7,614,762
Waste Management	3,621,769	4,254,438	4,842,099	5,639,094	5,434,251
Environmental Response	3,960,745	3,799,695	4,912,576	5,298,936	4,610,246
Total Expenditures	\$24,882,917	\$24,933,606	\$36,856,687	\$39,433,177	\$36,693,313
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	21,302,597	20,657,717	28,791,801	30,540,350	29,727,011
Operating Supplies and Expenses	868,602	710,314	1,459,086	1,419,184	1,427,523
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,465,059	2,281,418	4,883,200	5,667,043	4,598,379
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$24,636,258	\$23,649,449	\$35,134,087	\$37,626,577	\$35,752,913
Capital Purchases and Equipment	147,519	1,264,603	1,722,600	1,806,600	940,400
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	99,140	19,554	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$24,882,917	\$24,933,606	\$36,856,687	\$39,433,177	\$36,693,313
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	10,569,421	11,071,234	11,969,897	11,957,465	12,099,861
Federal Funds	7,446,659	7,546,381	13,440,715	15,716,392	13,424,798
Restricted Receipts	6,655,146	6,212,640	7,769,340	8,081,535	7,518,547
Other Funds	211,691	103,351	3,676,735	3,677,785	3,650,107
Total Expenditures	\$24,882,917	\$24,933,606	\$36,856,687	\$39,433,177	\$36,693,313
Program Measures					
Percentage of Sites Suspected or Identified as Contaminated that are Cleaned Up	43.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%
Percentage of Operating Permit Programs that are Inspected Annually for Compliance with Air Quality Standards	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%