
Performance Measures

Department of Environmental Management

Office of Director

Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

DEM looks to reduce Greenhouse Gas Scope 3 Emissions by implementing zero-waste initiatives as part of the broader lead-by-example initiative for State Government. Scope 3 Emissions occur when we buy and dispose of products from supplies. The Office of Director will implement (1) waste diversion programs that will eliminate organics from entering the landfill, (2) eliminate single-use plastic bags used in office waste bins, and (3) provide water refill stations to minimize the purchase of single-use water bottles. The figures below represent the pounds of Greenhouse Gas Scope 3 Emissions that were eliminated as a result of DEM's zero-waste initiatives. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2024 and historical targets and actuals are not available.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	--	85,395	96,674
Actual	--	--	31,919	--	--

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Farm and Natural Resource Preservation and Protection

DEM purchases land and development rights to protect working farms, forests, drinking water supplies and fish and wildlife habitats and to provide ample recreational opportunities. These lands sustain the state's tourism industry and enhance Rhode Islanders' quality of life. The figures below represent the acres of farm and natural resource areas preserved and protected. [Note: 2023 data is YTD as of 9/30/2023.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>					
Target	91,590	92,350	93,000	93,250	93,650
Actual	91,340	91,532	92,068	--	--

State Park Visitors

DEM supports a robust outdoor recreation industry by operating a statewide system of parks, beaches and recreation areas that provide residents and visitors with a diverse mix of well-maintained, scenic, safe and accessible recreational facilities and opportunities. The system depends on the Department's ability to adequately service the visitor's needs as well as the ability to sustain infrastructure and operations. The figures below represent the annual number of individuals that visit Rhode Island state parks. [Note: 2023 data is YTD as of September 2023.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>					
Target	7,100,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Actual	9,875,457	6,822,419	8,952,584	--	--

Commercial Fish Landings - Ports of Galilee and Newport

The commercial fishing industry is a key sector of Rhode Island's economy. DEM works to sustain commercial fisheries in a variety of ways, including monitoring, regulation, promotion, technical assistance, and operation of the Ports of Galilee and Newport. The figures below represent the value of commercial fish landings in the Ports of Galilee and Newport. [Note: 2023 data is YTD as of 9/30/2023.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>					
Target	\$75,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000
Actual	\$81,940,787	\$81,772,626	\$67,685,744	--	--

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Contaminated Site Cleanup

Contaminated properties present a risk to the health of the residents in the surrounding community. Contamination also is a barrier to economic reuse and redevelopment of property. The figures below represent the number of acres of contaminated properties/sites cleaned up annually. [Note: 2023 data is YTD as of 9/30/2023.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	80	80	80	80	80
Actual	301	37	31	--	--

Enforcement Action Compliance

Most instances of non-compliance with environmental rules result in the issuance of an informal enforcement action (essentially a warning letter with no fines). The figures below represent the percent of enforcement cases that return to compliance within 120 days of the issuance of an informal action. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2022 and historical actuals are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
Actual	--	79%	85%	--	--
