

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 RI State Government. Scope 3 Emissions occur during the purchase and disposal 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.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>		
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	--	--	85,395	96,674	174,483
Actual	--	31,919	97,639	--	--

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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: CY 2024 data is as of September 2024.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	92,350	93,000	93,250	93,650	94,500
Actual	91,532	92,085	93,498	--	--

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: CY 2024 data is as of August 2024.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Actual	6,822,419	9,094,013	6,589,228	--	--

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 the 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: CY 2024 data is as of September 2024.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000
Actual	\$81,772,626	\$72,174,122	\$53,708,414	--	--

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Contaminated Site Cleanup

Contaminated properties present a risk to the health of the residents in the surrounding community. Contamination is also 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: 2022 and 2023 actuals updated based on improved data entry. 2024 data is as of December 2024.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	80	80	80	80	80
Actual	114	154	243	--	--

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.

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Target	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
Actual	79%	85%	87%	--	--