

Comparison of Clean Water Spending (Administration, House, Senate)

Joint Fiscal Office

5/7/2015

Administration Proposed	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Carryforward			3,500,000	2,000,000	Clean Water Fund
Parcel Fee revenue (March 17, 2015 proposal)		5,900,000	5,900,000	5,900,000	
DEC proposed CWF expenditures:					
Agricultural Lands		(600,000)	(600,000)	(850,000)	
Municipal Stormwater		(800,000)	(800,000)	(800,000)	
Town Highways		(500,000)	(5,500,000)	(5,500,000)	
Natural Resources		(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	
Year-End Balance		3,500,000	2,000,000	250,000	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Ag Special Fund
Agriculture fee revenue	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	
Ag appropriation (staff/grants/other)	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Environmental Permit Fund
DEC fee revenue	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	
DEC appropriation (staff/RPC payments)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenues	2,745,116	8,645,116	8,645,116	8,645,116	
Total Expenditures	(2,745,116)	(5,145,116)	(10,145,116)	(10,395,116)	

House Passed	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Carryforward		5,300,000	6,320,000	2,170,000	Clean Water Fund
Property Transfer Surcharge Revenue	5,300,000	5,700,000	6,100,000	6,500,000	
DEC proposed CWF expenditures:					
Agricultural Lands		(390,000)	(600,000)	(850,000)	
Municipal Stormwater		(2,040,000)	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)	
Town Highways		(1,350,000)	(5,500,000)	(5,500,000)	
Natural Resources		(900,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	
Year-End Balance	5,300,000	6,320,000	2,170,000	(1,830,000)	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Ag Special Fund
Agriculture fee revenue	1,056,000	1,056,000	1,056,000	1,056,000	
Ag appropriation (staff/grants/other)	(1,056,000)	(1,056,000)	(1,056,000)	(1,056,000)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Environmental Permit Fund
DEC fee revenue	1,312,556	1,312,556	1,312,556	1,312,556	
DEC appropriation (staff/RPC payments)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenues	7,668,556	8,068,556	8,468,556	8,868,556	
Total Expenditures	(2,368,556)	(7,048,556)	(12,618,556)	(12,868,556)	

Senate Natural Resources	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Carryforward	-	7,834,000	10,988,000	8,572,000	Clean Water Fund
Parcel Fee revenue	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	
Agriculture fee revenue	786,000	786,000	786,000	786,000	
Ag appropriation (staff)	(952,000)	(952,000)	(952,000)	(952,000)	
DEC proposed CWF expenditures:					
Agricultural Lands		(390,000)	(600,000)	(850,000)	
Municipal Stormwater		(2,040,000)	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)	
Town Highways		(1,350,000)	(5,500,000)	(5,500,000)	
Natural Resources		(900,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	
Year-End Balance	7,834,000	10,988,000	8,572,000	5,906,000	
Carryforward		232,560	465,120	697,680	Environmental Permit Fund
DEC fee revenue	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	
DEC appropriation (staff/RPC funds)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	(1,312,556)	
Year-End Balance	232,560	465,120	697,680	930,240	
Total Revenues	10,331,116	10,331,116	10,331,116	10,331,116	
Total Expenditures	(2,264,556)	(6,944,556)	(12,514,556)	(12,764,556)	

Notes

1. Assumes stationary year-to-year revenues from parcel fees and Ag/DEC fees going forward. Parcel fee revenue will increase as the number of parcels increases. The trend over the past few years has been approximately 0.14% increase in parcels per year. Assumes that all parcel fees will be collected. Ag/DEC will probably grow to some extent based on overall economy but it is unclear whether revenues would be enough to offset increased staff/operational costs. Also assumes that appropriations for Ag/DEC would match revenues.

2. House-passed CWF funding would establish a surcharge of 0.2% of the value of property subject to the property transfer tax, with exemptions. The estimated revenue assumes growth in property transfer tax revenues based on consensus revenue forecast and projected outward.

3. Senate Natural Resources amendment would apply a flat \$25 fee to all parcels in the State of Vermont.

Senate Agriculture (not in bill)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Carryforward	-	7,254,884	10,629,768	8,434,652	Clean Water Fund
Parcel Fee revenue	10,600,000	10,600,000	10,600,000	10,600,000	
Ag appropriation (staff/grants)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	
DEC appropriation (staff/RPC funds)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	
CWF project expenditures:					
Agricultural Lands	(200,000)	(390,000)	(600,000)	(850,000)	
Municipal Stormwater	(200,000)	(2,040,000)	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)	
Town Highways	(200,000)	(1,350,000)	(5,500,000)	(5,500,000)	
Natural Resources	(200,000)	(900,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	
Year-End Balance	7,254,884	10,629,768	8,434,652	5,989,536	
Total Revenues	10,600,000	10,600,000	10,600,000	10,600,000	
Total Expenditures	(3,345,116)	(7,225,116)	(12,795,116)	(13,045,116)	

Senate Finance Amendment	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Carryforward		7,800,000	10,920,000	8,470,000	Water Quality Fund
Water Quality Fee Revenue	7,800,000	7,800,000	7,800,000	7,800,000	
DEC proposed CWF expenditures:					
Agricultural Lands		(390,000)	(600,000)	(850,000)	
Municipal Stormwater		(2,040,000)	(2,800,000)	(2,800,000)	
Town Highways		(1,350,000)	(5,500,000)	(5,500,000)	
Natural Resources		(900,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	
Year-End Balance	7,800,000	10,920,000	8,470,000	5,770,000	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Ag Water Quality Fund
Agriculture fee revenue	786,000	786,000	786,000	786,000	
Ag appropriation (staff/grants/other)	(786,000)	(786,000)	(786,000)	(786,000)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Carryforward		-	-	-	Environmental Permit Fund
DEC fee revenue	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	1,545,116	
DEC appropriation (staff/RPC funds)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	(1,545,116)	
Year-End Balance	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenues	10,131,116	10,131,116	10,131,116	10,131,116	
Total Expenditures	(2,331,116)	(7,011,116)	(12,581,116)	(12,831,116)	

Notes

1. The Senate Agriculture block represents a proposal that does not currently exist in bill form but does reflect the vision of the committee when it offered input on the bill before it was passed out of Senate Natural Resources. CWF would be funded from \$25 fee per parcel on all non-exempt parcels in Vermont. Additionally, there would be a \$0.50 per acre fee on forestland enrolled in current use or \$1.00 per acre on all other land (applies only to parcels above 25 acres). CWF project expenditures would be prorated in FY16 based on Administration's Year 1 estimated spending and appropriations for Ag/DEC staff would reflect the original request from the Administration.
2. Senate Finance proposal levies a minimum \$15 clean water fee on all parcels in Vermont plus an additional \$0.50 per acre on acreage above 15 acres on all woodland parcels enrolled in Current Use and \$1.00 per acre on acreage above 15 acres on all other properties. All Ag fees and DEC fees same as SNR.