

SECTION 9

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SEC. 9 APPROPRIATIONS: AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The following sum of \$26,282,343 is requested for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 in total to be appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources. The Secretary is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this Section to the projects contained in this Section; the individual allocations in this Section are estimates only:

1. Department of Environmental Conservation.....\$17,787,343

A. Pollution Control Programs.....\$3,730,000

a. Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Match.....\$2,600,000

This item includes elements critical to basic operation of the program:

- Chapter 120 Administrative Support.....\$600,000

B. Drinking Water Supply Program.....\$4,288,834

This item includes elements critical to basic operation of the program:

- Engineering Oversight & Project Management.....\$600,000

C. Ecosystem Restoration & Protection.....\$7,500,000

Provide funding for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for grants and contracts for assessment, design and implementation of projects to reduce phosphorus pollution and improve water quality. Typical projects include: improving stream stability and incorporating fluvial geomorphic concepts; protecting against flood hazards; improving in-stream and riparian habitat; controlling storm water discharges; reducing pollution from sediment and toxic substances; protecting and restoring riparian wetlands; and enhancing the environmental sustainability of agricultural lands.

D. Pownal Principal & Interest on Borrowing of Delayed Grants.....\$530,000

The Town of Pownal constructed a new wastewater treatment system consisting of sewers and house connections for three villages, pump stations, force mains, and a treatment plant. There were a total of 10 contracts for a total project cost of \$26.5M. The Town is using bank financing as an interim replacement for the delayed State grant funds.

E. Waterbury Wastewater Treatment Facility Phosphorus Removal.....\$379,929

State pollution control grants are authorized under Title 10 Chapter 55 for phosphorus treatment. Annually, the Department includes eligible projects as part of the capital bill requests. This is expected to be the final request for this multi-year project, which has received prior years' appropriations. The project consists of phosphorus treatment improvements at the Waterbury wastewater treatment facility.

F. Dam Safety & Hydrology Projects.....\$1,288,580

Funds are requested to provide the Agency of Natural Resources emergency maintenance and improvement funds for State owned dams.

2. Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation\$6,495,000

A. Infrastructure Rehabilitation.....\$6,000,000

Funds for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 are requested for State Parks Infrastructure Rehabilitation. Renovations to the aging State park infrastructure are required to bring facilities and structures up to current, acceptable, regulatory and visitor expectation standards. Funds will be assigned to entire systems or building renovations at facilities providing critical visitor services statewide. Work will be performed at parks that are positioned to meet not only the current visitor demand, but also prepared to meet identified demand into the future. This item includes elements critical to basic operation of the program:

- Statewide Small Scale Rehabilitation
- Wastewater Repairs and Preventative Improvements and Upgrades of Restrooms
- Statewide Small Scale Road Rehabilitation Projects

B. Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation ~ Guilford: Sweet Pond\$495,000

The Sweet Pond dam has been found failed by Dam Safety Engineers and the 18 acre pond drained as a precaution to protect public safety. A public input process concludes that the replacement/repair of the dam and re-establishment of the pond is in the best interest of the State.