

**Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department
Summary of Unspent Capital Funds
February 2024**

Appropriation 6120991902 (SFY20 funds) – Fish Culture Stations; \$59K balance
The funds remaining in this appropriation are obligated via a contract to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin to pay for sampling and testing related to the NPDES discharge permit at Salisbury Fish Culture Station.

Appropriation 6120992001 (SFY21 funds) – Infrastructure; \$0 balance
There is currently a zero balance in the appropriation.

Appropriation 6120992101 (SFY22 funds) – FW-Infrastructure Proj; \$375,638 balance

\$279K of the remaining balance is earmarked for infrastructure improvements at the Department’s five Fish Culture Stations to include:

- \$36K of projects completed and waiting for final invoices
- \$243K of projects in process or out to bid and will be completed by Summer of 2025. This includes two major projects at Ed Weed Fish Culture Station; pumphouse electrical work (\$90K) and wastewater treatment plant repairs (\$122K). Repairs on the wastewater treatment plant are being done in-house by fish culture staff so there is not a formal VISION encumbrance. Additional project details:

Project	Balance remaining as of 1/31/24	Where in process?	Expected completion
Bald Hill - Hatchery electrical work	\$ 2,755.00	Out to bid	Spring 2024
Bennington-Driveway resurfacing	\$ 1,070.70	Funds obligated, work in process	Spring 2024
Bald Hill - paint residence	\$ 5,194.90	Out to bid	Summer 2024
Bennington FCS residence garage	\$ 3,956.40	Funds obligated, work in process	Summer 2024
Ed Weed - Pumphouse electrical work	\$ 90,448.39	Funds obligated, work in process	Spring 2025
Ed Weed - wastewater treatment plant repairs	\$122,473.52	Funds obligated, work in process	Spring 2025
Bennington-Headbox Drain	\$ 17,388.15	Phase 2 out to bid	Summer 2025

\$95K of the remaining balance is earmarked for replacement of the workshop at Dead Creek WMA. This project has been subject to numerous setbacks including problems with the original design for building replacement, unanticipated problems with asbestos and the integrity of the original foundation and cost of materials and labor beyond the amount of money originally budgeted for the project. In SFY24 the department was appropriated additional capital funds to cover the increased cost and work is now continuing. Architect and engineering services are under contract, a clerk of the works

contract is in process and a construction contract is expected to be executed, and fund obligated, prior to June 30, 2024.

Appropriation 6120992201 (SFY23 funds) – FW-Infrastructure Proj; \$857,151 balance

\$25,621 earmarked for residence repairs and maintenance and GMCC road repairs.

\$452,803 earmarked for infrastructure improvements at the Department’s five Fish Culture Stations to include:

- \$105K contracted and encumbered for roof replacement at Ed Weed
- \$118K in projects that have been completed and waiting for final invoices
- \$42K contract in place to pay for sampling and testing requirements at Salisbury Fish Culture Station as described in detail above.
- \$150K set aside for shingle replacement on all roofs at the Salisbury Fish Culture Station. Some of the roofs are close to leaking and most of them are approaching the end of their service life. These funds were appropriated in SFY23 but upon RFP submissions from contractors, it was clear that the cost would be substantially higher than anticipated. Additional capital funds were requested and appropriated in SFY24 for this project and now the work may continue. Despite conversations about closure of the facility in SFY25, the Department is obligated to maintain the buildings.
- \$36K in projects at varying levels of completion:

Project	Balance remaining as of 1/31/24	Where in process?	Expected completion
Bennington-Shaftsbury Pond	\$ 9,499.91	Funds obligated, work in process	Summer 2024
Bennington FCS residence garage	\$ 12,151.60	Funds obligated, work in process	Summer 2024
Grand Isle-Visitor's Center	\$ 3,554.21	Funds obligated, work in process	Fall 2024
Bald Hill Well	\$ 6,112.92	Funds obligated, work in process	Winter 2024
Grand Isle-Pole barn	\$ 4,831.00	Blueprints in process	Summer 2026

\$37,600 earmarked for dock maintenance at access areas and will be spent by the end of FY24.

\$336,540 of the remaining balance is for public access improvements on Wildlife Management Areas. Specifically:

- \$50K dedicated to infrastructure improvement and maintenance projects on WMAs in all 5 districts. Due to staff capacity limitations, we are behind in completing these projects. Nevertheless, the projects remain priorities and we will spend these funds by the end of FY25.
- \$196K for the Dead Creek workshop as explain in detail for appropriation 6120992101 above.
- \$90K dedicated to several projects in the Springfield, Essex, Barre and St. Johnsbury districts. These projects include expanded and improved parking areas and information kiosks at several WMAs in those districts, in addition to road

improvements to enable better public access. These funds will be spent before the end of FY25.

- \$4,500 will be used to match federal funds on state owned ranges and will be spent by the end of FY25.

Appropriation 6120992301 (SFY24 funds) - FW-Infrastructure Proj; \$1,776,470 balance

Projects in this appropriation cover Fish Culture Station repairs and maintenance. These projects are at varying levels of planning, solicitation and execution:

Project	Balance remaining
Bennington-Headbox Drain	\$ 739,604.00
Ed Weed-Roof maintenance/repair	\$ 406,782.00
Bald Hill-Generator	\$ 57,006.00
Ed Weed-Pumphouse electrical work	\$ 73,960.00
Ed Weed-Pole Barn	\$ 218,069.00
Salisbury-Roof maintenance/repair	\$ 221,881.00
Bald Hill-Hatchery electrical work	\$ 29,584.00
Bald Hill-Recirculation equipment	\$ 29,584.00

One-time appropriation received in SFY24

DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED
Kehoe-Garage roof	\$ 18,000.00
Kehoe-Ed Center roof	\$ 70,000.00
Kehoe-Residence maintenance	\$ 50,000.00
Kehoe-Ed Center painting	\$ 25,000.00
Buck-Bathroom renovation	\$ 50,000.00
Buck-Reroofing camper cabins and archery range	\$ 75,000.00
Kehoe&Buck-Generator	\$ 25,000.00
Ed Weed-Pole Barn	\$ 6,770.00
Dead Creek-Workshop	\$ 300,000.00
WMA Infrastructure statewide	\$ 50,000.00
Plum Creek	\$ 37,500.00
Sladyk WMA-storm damage placeholder	\$ 50,000.00

Appropriation for SFY25 approved last session

Division/Program	Location	Description	Amount
Fish/Fish Culture	RXFCS	Hatchery Carriage Barn Large Scale Maintenance	\$ 405,000
Fish/Fish Culture	SAFCS	Wellhouse Building Repair	\$ 54,000
Fish/Fish Culture	EWFCs	Flooring Replacement of Conference Room and Office	\$ 52,500
Wildlife Division	Dead Creek WMA, Addison	Replace workshop building that was demolished 4 years ago due to a determination that it was no longer structurally sound. Costs for this project have increased over the past few years.	\$450,000
Wildlife Division	Statewide	Routine WMA infrastructure maintenance including road repairs and grading, culvert replacements, bridge repairs, gate installation and repairs, among others. These funds will be matched with federal Pittman Robertson funds. This has been a standard capital line item for many years and supports most infrastructure work on WMAs.	\$50,000
Wildlife Division	Sandbar WMA, Milton	Replace roof on 3 separate storage barns. These barns have been in place for many years and are structurally sound. They are used regularly by department personnel to store equipment, boats, trailers, and lumber. Replacing the roofs will ensure that these structures remain sound and will continue to support the department's storage needs.	\$75,000
Wildlife Division	West Mnt WMA, Brunswick	Annual road maintenance agreement costs for Weyerhaeuser property. ANR is required to pay Weyerhaeuser each year for the costs of maintaining roads that are available for public travel on their property. FPR pays half and VFWD pays half.	\$37,500
GMCC	Woodbury and Castleton	GMCC-Priority 2 projects (TBD)	\$220,150