

# Overview: ANR Fee Bill Report

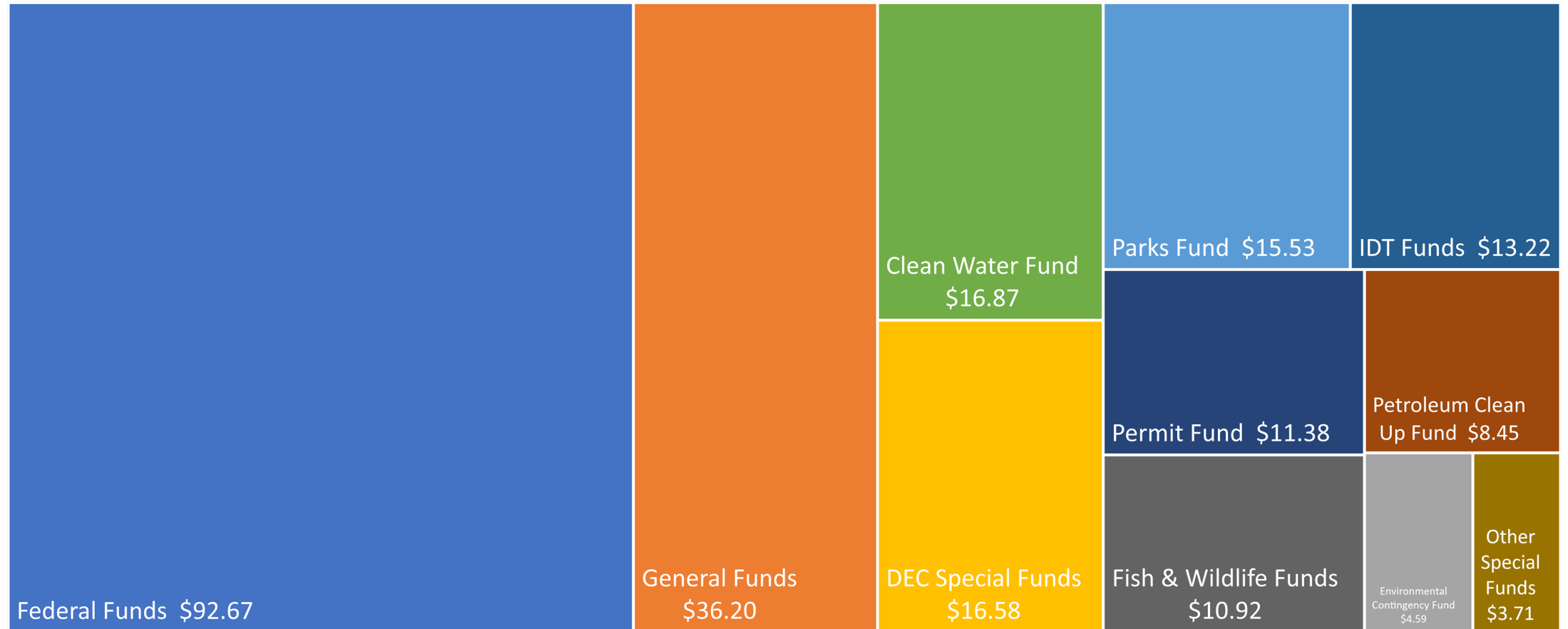
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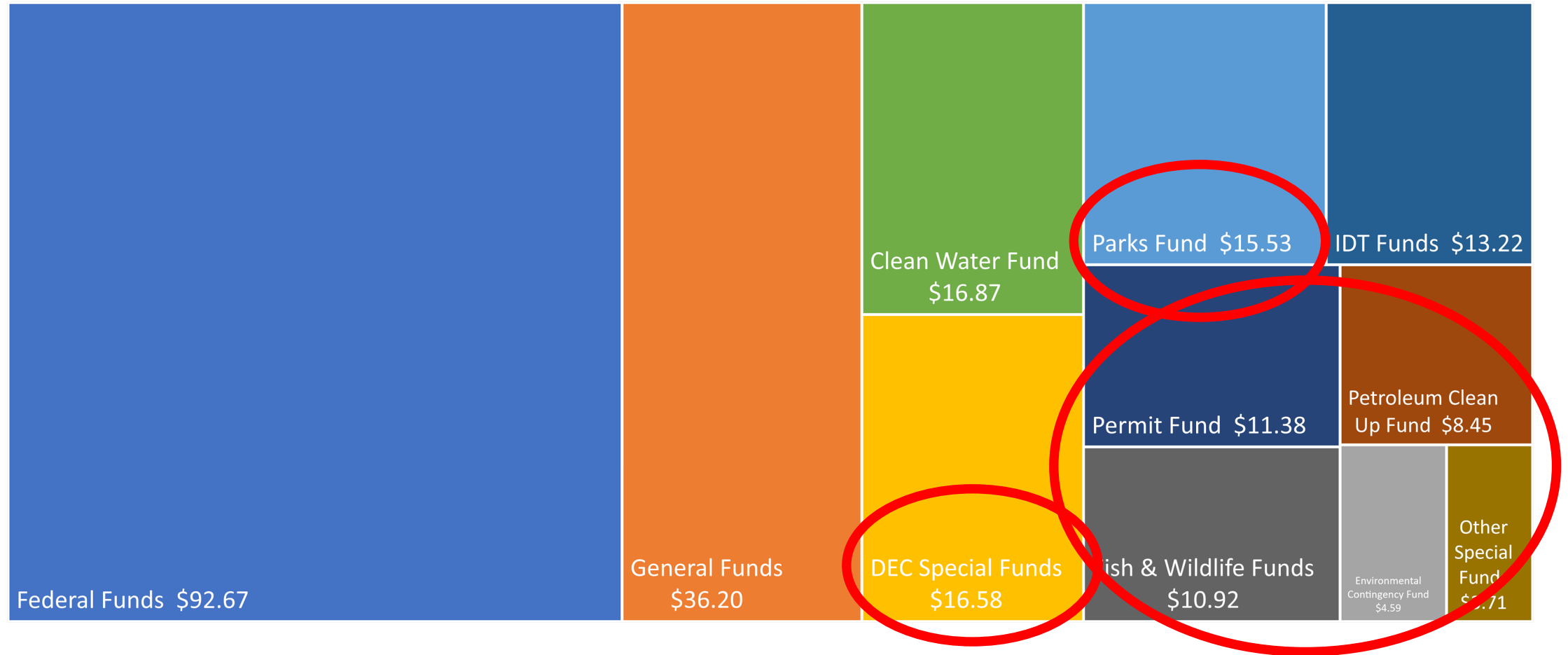
# ANR's FY24 Budget

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  - Increase of \$39.9 million (21%) above FY23
    - Driven largely by increased federal funds (ARPA; BIL)
  - Budget supports 650 full-time employees and ~400 seasonal workers
  - Almost 3/4s of the FY24 budget will be passed thru to municipalities, contractors, and partner organizations
  - Nearly 80% (\$180.7 million) is special and federal funds
    - Fully utilized projected revenue from special and federal funds
- ANR's FY25 Proposed Budget: \$292.1 million
  - Increase of \$62 million (26%) above FY24
    - Again, driven largely by increased federal funds (ARPA; BIL; IRA)
  - Represents ~35% increase (more than \$100 million) above FY23

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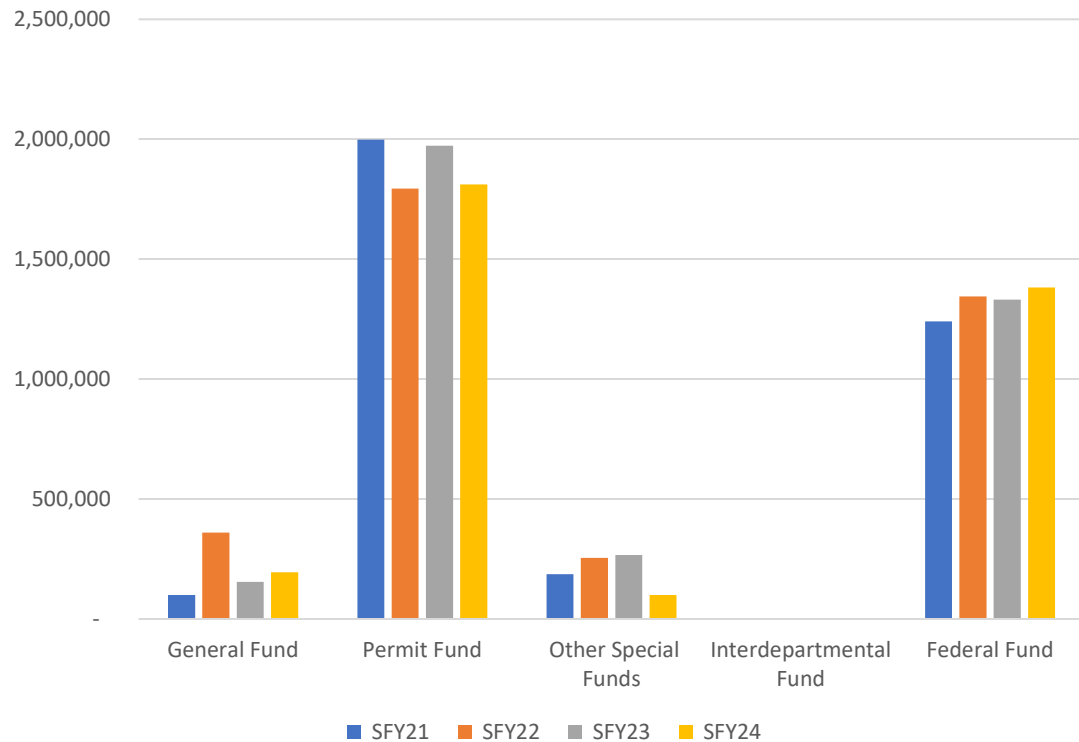
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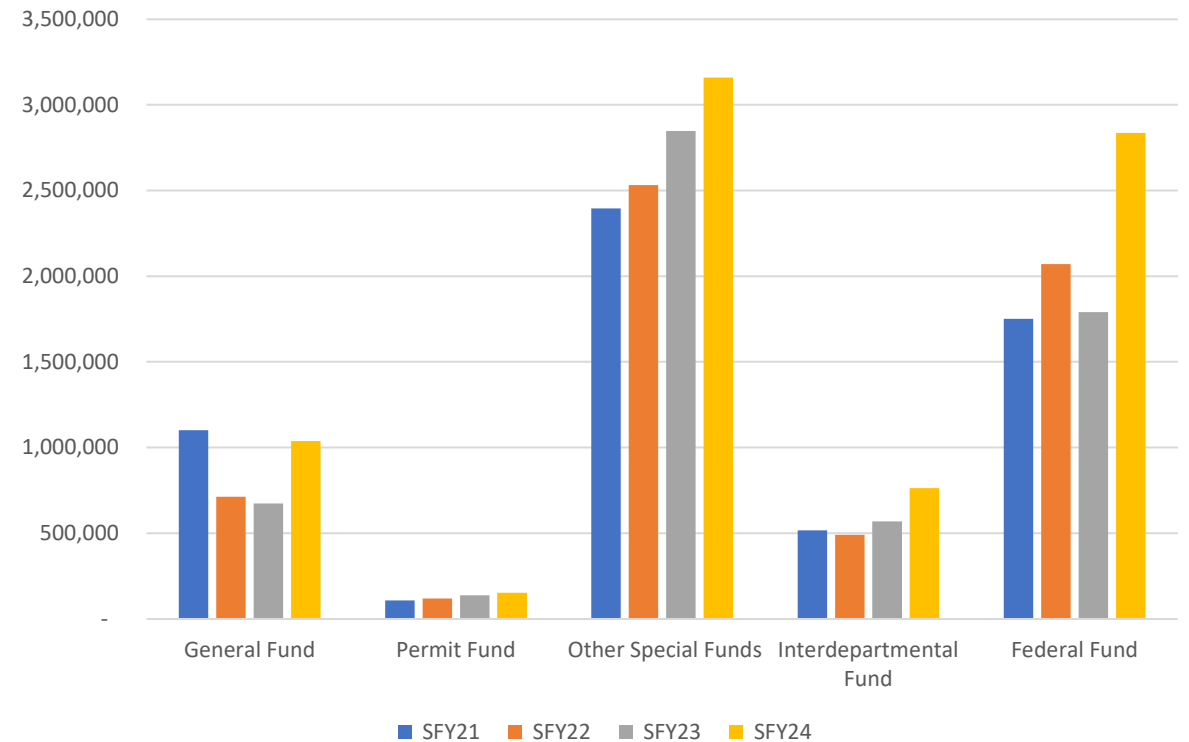
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DEC Air Quality Division Operating Budget by Revenue Source - SFY21-SFY24



DEC Water Investment Division Operating Budget by Revenue Source - SFY21-SFY24



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- Take many different forms:
  - Permit application
    - Administrative
    - Technical review
  - Permit renewal
  - Permit amendment
  - Licenses
  - Leases
  - Special use permits
  - Surcharges

# Number and Types of ANR Fees

## ANR SO: 8 different fees

- Largely related to review of Act 250 and Section 248 projects

## FPR: 21 different fees

- Park prices
- Licenses and special use permit for state lands
- Ski leases

## FWD: over 100 different fees

- Hunting & fishing licenses
- Conservation camp fees
- Collection permits

## DEC: nearly 300 different fees

- Emissions
- Waste generation
- Drinking water, wastewater and stormwater
- Dams
- Rivers, wetlands and shorelands

# Changes in ANR Fees

- ANR SO
  - Established in 2015; adjusted in 2017 following restructuring of PUC net metering rule
- FPR
  - Park prices overhauled in Aug 2022 based on recommendations from benchmarking study completed by DFR
- FWD
  - Lifetime license prices adjusted in 2020
  - Most other licenses adjusted in 2015/2016
- DEC
  - Most permit fees adjusted in 2016
  - Fees added as new (clean water) programs have come on-line
    - 3-acre and ½-acre Stormwater requirements
    - Municipal Roads General Permit



# Key Takeaway

There is not an approach to adjusting ANR fees  
that is both simple and equitable