

SFY 2026

Governor's Recommended Budget

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

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ANR Organizational Structure



Provides coordinated leadership for the Agency's three departments and supports our shared goals of protecting, sustaining, and enhancing Vermont's natural resources

FY26 Gov. Rec.: \$10.4M

Staffing (FTE Count): 42



The conservation of fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont

FY26 Gov. Rec.: \$31.3M

Staffing (FTE Count): 144



To conserve and manage Vermont's forest resources, the operation and maintenance of the State Park system, support outdoor recreation and administer land management.

FY26 Gov. Rec.: \$54.8M

Staffing (FTEs): 135



To preserve, enhance, restore, and conserve Vermont's natural resources, and protect human health for the benefit of this and future generations

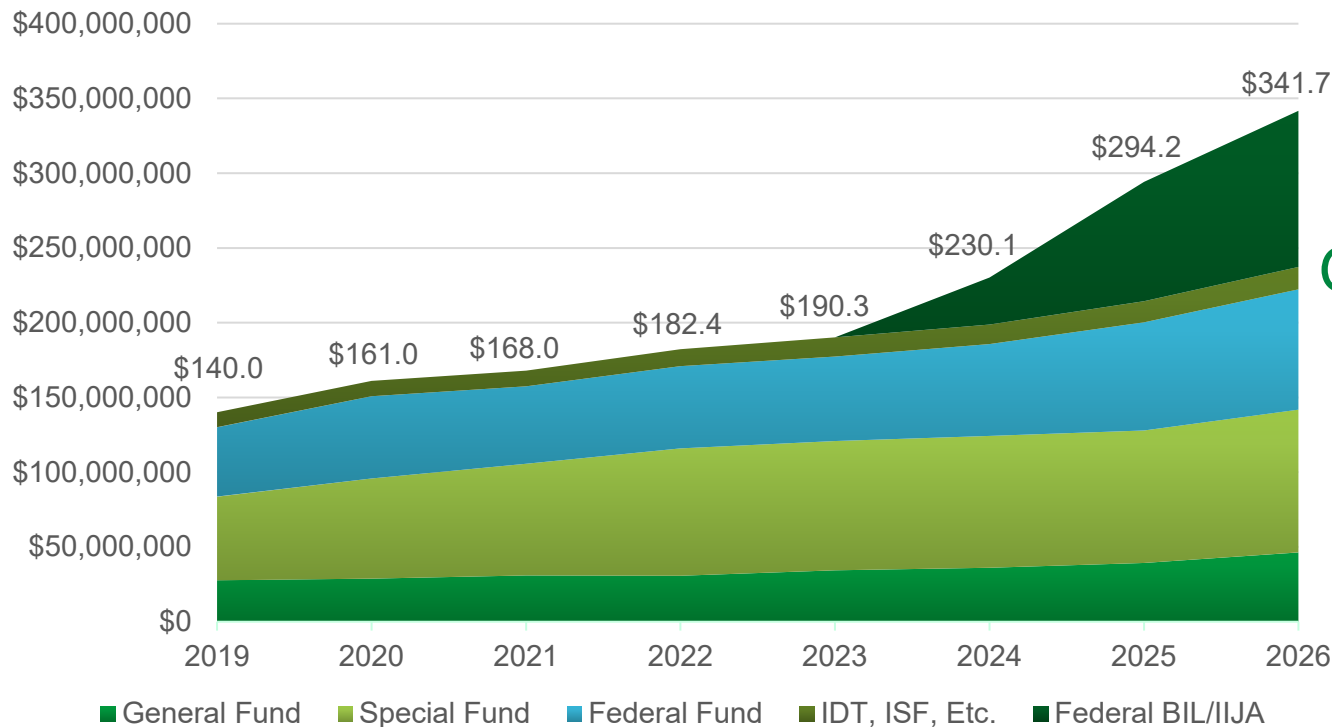
FY26 Gov. Rec.: \$245.2M

Staffing (FTE Count): 347

ANR Budget: SFY19-SFY26

FY26 Governor's Recommended Budget: **\$341.7 million**

- Adjusting to constant changes post COVID
- Current service level budget has grown by \$201.7M in 7 years
- Federal BIL/IIJA dollars are primary driver



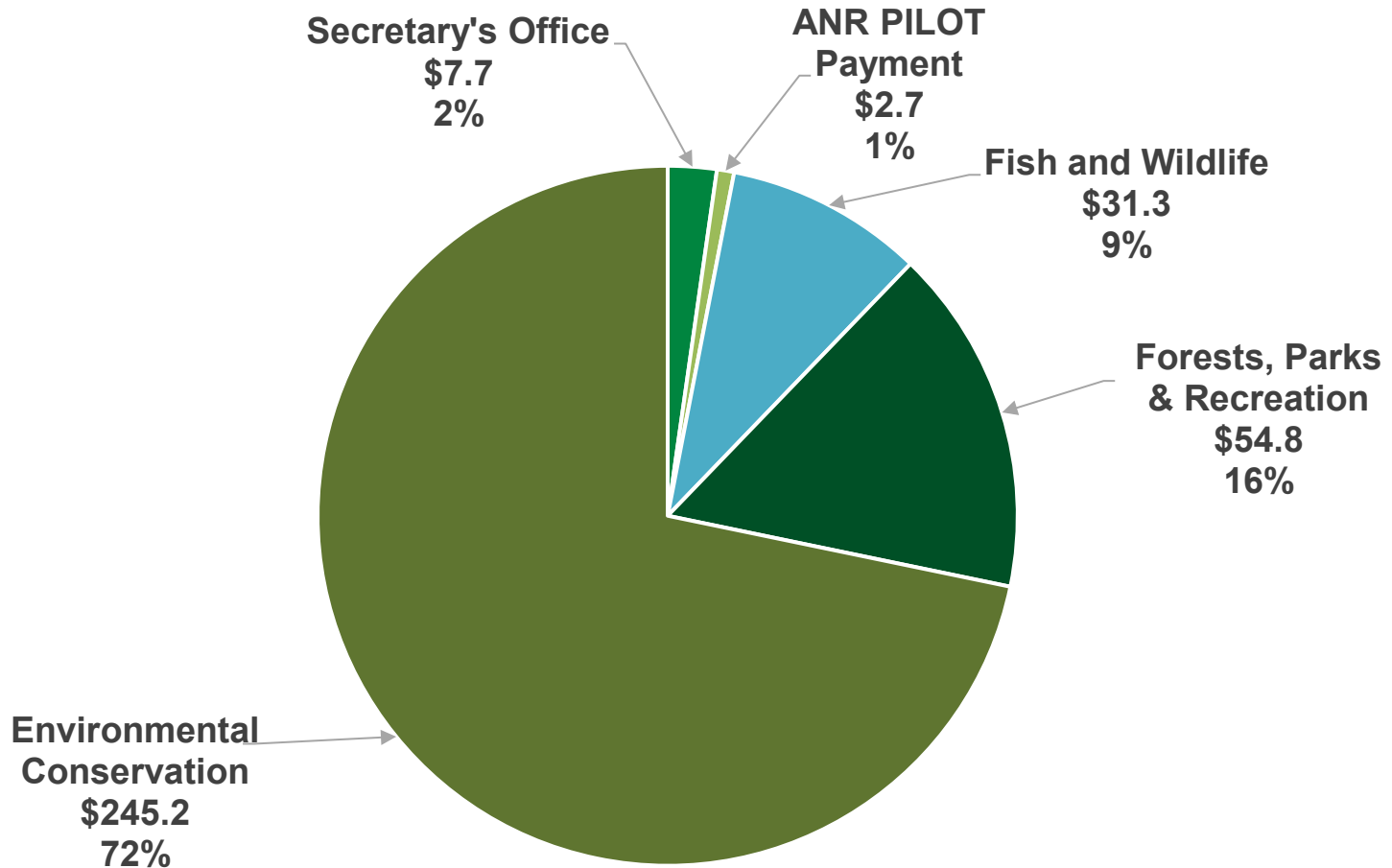
Gov. Rec. Budget
FY19 - FY26
(\$ millions)

SFY26 ANR Budget Structure

- Expenditures -

- Governor's SFY26 Recommend: \$341.7 million
 - Increase of \$44.8 million (~15%) above SFY25
 - Largely driven by additional pass-thru federal funding
- ANR's major budget components are:
 - 57% for contracts, grants and loans to municipalities, partner organizations and businesses
 - 28% for salaries and benefits that supports 668 full-time employee count and ~400 seasonal workers
 - Upward pressure in personnel costs

Budget Structure - by Department (\$ millions) -

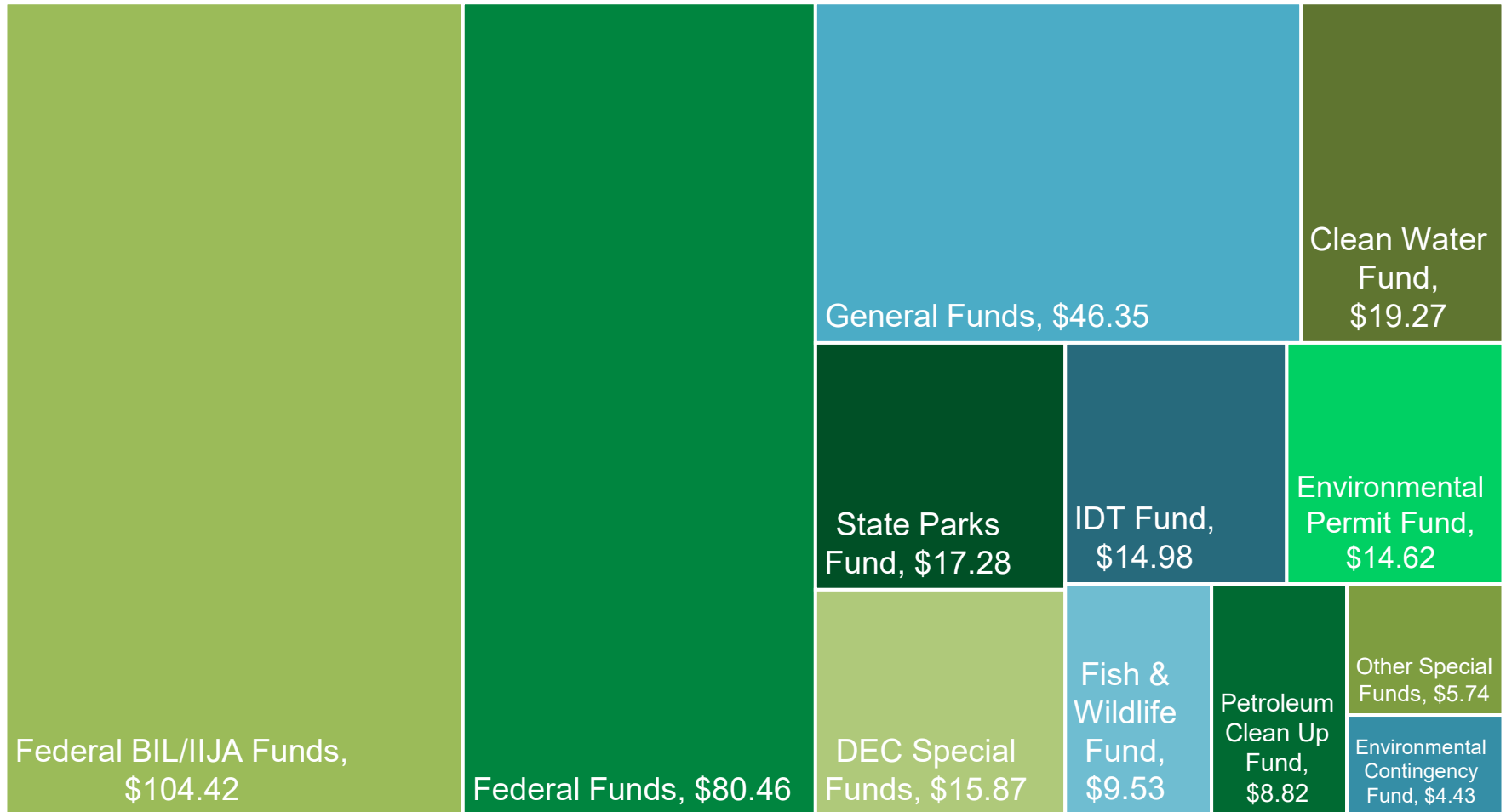


SFY26 ANR Budget Structure

- Revenues -

- ANR's budget is composed of federal, special, and general funds
 - Every dollar isn't equal. Federal and special funds have specific purposes and limitations.
 - BIL/IIJA federal funds make up 31% of the total budget, other federal funds are 23%, special funds are 32%, and general fund is 14%.
 - Three dozen types of federal funding from EPA, USFWS, USFS, FEMA....
 - 40 active special funds that include:
 - clean water fund
 - state parks fund
 - fish & wildlife fund

SFY26 Budget by Fund (\$ millions)



SFY26 Key Budget Information

- ANR's Governor Recommended budget maintains current service levels across departments
- Budgetary pressures from cost-of-living increases, employee benefit rates, internal service funds have been addressed without programmatic impacts
- Significant increase in grants-out and loans

What's Different in SFY26?

- ANR's proposed \$44.8M budget increase includes the following changes in major cost categories:
 - \$46.1M increase in grants and loans
 - \$8.0M increase in salaries and benefits
 - \$7.2M decrease in contracts
- Notable changes
 - \$921k increase in land acquisitions
 - \$716k increase in the internal service fund
 - \$559k increase in vacancy savings
 - \$507k increase in fees for samples submitted to the Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory
 - \$300k for CAFO permitting positions

SFY26 One-Time Investments

Department of Environmental Conservation

- **\$9.52M** to support schools remediate and mitigate impacts of PCB contamination
- **\$850k** for contractor support and implementation of a database for CAFO permitting
- **\$50k** for municipal wastewater connection design standards

Fish and Wildlife Department

- **\$185k** to sustain current operations as Department undergoes financial restructuring
- **\$80k** for mobile and portable radio equipment

Significant Initiatives and Challenges

- Implementation of American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Inflation Reduction Act projects
- Act 153 – Global Warming Solutions Act
- Act 59 – 30x30 and 50x50
- Act 154 – Environmental Justice Act
- Act 121 – Flood Safety Act
- Act 122 – Climate Superfund Act
- Act 181 – Act 250 modernization
- Act 64 - Clean Water Act
- Disaster Recovery and Response
- State Lands Infrastructure and Facility Management
- CAFO Permitting Corrective Action Plan
- Financial Restructuring of the Fish & Wildlife Department
- Addressing PCBs in Schools