

**Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department
Proposed Capital Projects - Fiscal Years 2026-2027**

Division/Program	Location	Description	Estimated Cost	FY26 Allocation	FY27 Allocation
General /Dept owned buildings	Sandbar WMA	Replace roof on caretaker house	\$50,000	\$50,000	
General /Dept owned buildings	Sandbar WMA	Replace chimney at caretaker house	\$10,000	\$10,000	
General /Dept owned buildings	Essex RO	Boiler - Replace the current 20+ year boiler starting to show signs of wear	\$36,000	\$36,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Ensure water needs are met, long-term backup for one well systemDrill a second well on the property based on the fractured trace well assumption report. The existing well at the Roxbury Fish Culture Station has had problems since being drilled in 2019, with uneven drilling and collapsed walls, and the pump cannot go below 100 feet now.	\$125,000	\$125,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Resurface Asphalt Between all Indoor Fish Raceways. The asphalt between the raceways inside the building is over thirty years old and has begun to deteriorate. This is a unique repair because this is inside a building and will need to be completed around the existing fish culture operations.	\$85,000		\$85,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Epoxy Floors of 12 Pavillion Tanks. This would extend the life of the concrete floors of the tanks while they are still new, and would also benefit fish health.	\$60,000		\$60,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bennington	New Shingles on Filter Building Roof	\$26,000	\$26,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bald Hill	Service Building Roof repair, paint (3 buildings)	\$15,000		\$15,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Repair/Replace Pumphouse Roof	\$20,000		\$20,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bald Hill	Currently there is not power at the trout building, however there is a power line running near it. This will provide a service entrance, panel box and pump to recirculate cold water during the extreme heat of summer,which will substantially improve fish health and will allow the facility to isolate this building from the other flow through buildings to improve fish health, if and when needed.	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bennington	Hazardous Tree Removal (9 trees at \$1,500/tree)	\$12,000	\$12,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Salisbury	Replacement Lighting Units for Lighthouse - for the light controlled building to ensure the fish spawn at the light adjusted time.	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bald Hill	Plumb lines from Bean Brook to ponds - Use as settling ponds. Adding lines from the existing raceways to several of the on-site ponds used for walleye rearing will allow the water to be utilized by these ponds and will allow for a bypass line process to be put in place from the existing raceway lines that currently run into Bean Brook at the fish culture station.	\$40,000		\$40,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Facility Upgrades- bathroom and ceilings. After 30 years, the staff and visitor center bathrooms are in need of improvements and renovations. This will also replace the existing flooring in staff offices, provide new insulation and ceiling tiles, as well as general capentry and painting needs throughout the bathrooms and office spaces.	\$121,000		\$121,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Ponds 1 & 2 Reuse Water - Plumb Lines into Recirc - will allow outside ponds to increase capacity outside and decrease density inside for trophy trout	\$30,000		\$30,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	5 Fish Culture Stations	On-Site Chemical Storage and Removal - Removal of old and expired materials	\$50,000		\$50,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Salisbury	New Alarm System - Sensaphone system similar to other hatcheries	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Automated Doors- Repair/Replace (One Double Door)	\$7,000		\$7,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bennington	Repairs to Shop Chimney	\$5,000		\$5,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Extend the Lower Re-Use line in the Influent Building. Currently when the re-use line is put back online, there is bacterial growth that breaks free from the stagnant water. This bacteria moves through the UV channel and over the fish in Pavillion one. By extending the line, the bacterial growth can be filtered out. The project would be to reduce the six-inch line to a four-inch line and tie it in with the other upper re-use line. The water would be pushed through the drum until it runs clear.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Salisbury	Purchase New Larger Vessel to make Triploid Fish Eggs. The process of creating triploid fish eggs involves a pressurized vessel. The existing vessels do not have enough volume to produce the higher volume and numbers of triploid fish eggs requested by the Fish Management biologists. These are specialized vessels that need to withstand high pressures of over 10,000 pounds per square inch.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Extend the high-flow well line, install O2 cone, flow meter. The additional water will help reduce the use of spring water in the hatch house, which last tested to have a fairly high bacterial count by fish health. The project involves extending the line from the upper low-head oxygenator before it enters the degass columns and direct into the hatch house. An oxygen cone will be required to add oxygen to the water, along with a flow meter to monitor the flow and set up alarms.	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bennington	Epoxy Starter troughs to benefit fish health and extend the life of these tanks.	\$45,000		\$45,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Roxbury	Grouting or replacing pipelines in the upper pavillion. The existing drainlines in the upper pavillion do not have enough velocity to move the fish waste out of the tanks quickly enough, which causes fish health issues in the tanks. The drainlines will either need to be replaced with a larger drainline, which will cause significant concrete work to be completed in order to replace the underground drains, which will also require additional grouting to complete the project.	\$100,000		\$100,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Main Entrance Walkway- repair concrete and ADA compliant	\$25,000		\$25,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Ed Weed	Facility Doors- Replace degrading security and access doors	\$20,000		\$20,000

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Fish Division / Fish Culture	5 Fish Culture Stations	The purchase of several multi-use side-by-side all-terrain utility vehicles (UTVs) for property needs- reduce fuel use in larger vehicles being used for this purpose at several locations. The purchase of a 14-foot towed trailer to be used between fish culture stations to move materials and equipment. The purchase of several high pressure steam cleaners to provide higher biosecurity between fish culture stations for cleaning stocking trucks and other equipment. These types of hauling trailers, UTVs, and steam cleaner typically have a 20+ year service life.	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bennington	Replace Galvanized Bolts in UV Building. Galvanized bolts installed on the UV units in the start tank room are corroding and need to be replaced to prevent leaks.	\$8,000		\$8,000
Fish Division / Fish Culture	Bald Hill	Crack Sealing of Driveway and Facility Asphalt	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Fish Division /Access Areas	Statewide	Many boat ramps and fishing platforms do not meet current ADA standards as they are lacking accessible routes from the parking spaces or have barriers that prevent users from accessing the water. Capital investments will help to fund larger infrastructure improvements such as docks, parking spaces and routes to docks or fishing platforms.	\$100,000		\$100,000
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Bathroom Moisture Mitigation	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	ADA Ramp Cabin 1	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Garage Bear Proof Door Design	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Staff Cabin Renovation and Mold Mitigation	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Education Center and Dining Hall Power Wash and Stain	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Buck Lake servery and kitchen repaint	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Outreach Division	Buck Lake	Buck Lake Road work - For over a decade, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Outreach Division has incurred most costs associated with fixing the Buck Lake Road, a class three and class four road owned by the town of Woodbury. Department staff have worked with the town road foreman over the years to help get it graded and occasionally have material added to it. However, the materials and grading are never enough to mitigate damages from large rain events and heavy usage during the summer months. The department would like to use capital money to work with the town and create ditches in the areas that consistently wash out and add sufficient material in the most uneven spots to help prevent the road from becoming impassable, as it often does after large rain events. The department must have this road open for emergency purposes and spending money in last minute situations is less effective and efficient than spending it up front on improvements. The road is just under one mile long.	\$75,000	\$75,000	
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. Increased funding will be used to respond to impacts to road infrastructure from annual flood events.	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
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.	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37,500
Wildlife Division	Statewide	Complete necessary planning work for dam removal or repair based on a review of dam assessments with DEC Dam Safety. Back log of repairs and maintenance, not significant dams assessed by Dam Safety.	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Fish Division	Statewide	Purchase of electrofishing vessel for fisheries research and management activities statewide. Boat electrofishing is an integral component of fisheries management in Vermont. This survey technique allows department biologists to conduct inventories and assessments of fish populations in lakes, ponds, and large rivers throughout the state. These activities help the department ensure Vermont's fish populations are abundant, healthy, and support quality recreational fishing opportunities. The boats are also used to collect eggs and milt for fish culture and stocking operations. The life expectancy of these vessels is approximately 30 years.	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Warden Service	Lake Champlain	SafeBoat; aluminum hull, S&R, recovery, standard for law enforcement patrol across the country; 30 year life; will replace 2 of the 24' Whalers; current whalers are falling apart (due to fiberglass hull)	\$212,500	\$212,500	
Wildlife Division	Statewide	FEMA match	\$45,860		\$45,860