

# Natural Resources

<b>Governor's Proposed Amendments</b>				
(\$ in millions)				
	<b>FY 2015 Proposed</b>		<b>FY 2016 Proposed</b>	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
<b>2014-16 Current Budget</b> (Ch. 3, 2014 Special Session I)	<b>\$133.3</b>	<b>\$269.9</b>	<b>\$102.1</b>	<b>\$265.2</b>
Proposed Increases	0.7	2.0	1.1	20.6
Proposed Decreases	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(10.0)</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
\$ Net Change	0.7	(8.0)	0.5	20.6
<b>HB 1400/SB 800, as Introduced</b>	<b>\$134.0</b>	<b>\$261.9</b>	<b>\$102.6</b>	<b>\$285.8</b>
% Change	0.5%	(3.0%)	0.5%	7.8%
<b>Central Account Reversions</b>	<b>(\$1.2)</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>(\$2.7)</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>
% Change	0.9%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%
FTEs	1,022.50	1,157.50	1,022.50	1,160.50
# Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

- **Department of Conservation and Recreation**

- *Appropriate WQIF Reserve to Program Operations.* Proposes to authorize the one-time use of \$8.2 million from the Water Quality Improvement Fund Reserve Fund to support ongoing conservation, soil and water conservation district, and agricultural best management programs. As there were no surplus revenues in FY 2014, there are no statutorily required deposits to the WQIF. This reserve fund, established by the General Assembly in 2004, is used to ensure funding remains available for Virginia's water quality efforts when revenue surpluses are unavailable.
- *Soil and Water Conservation Districts.* Proposes to transfer \$10.0 million NGF in Soil and Water Conservation district cost share assistance funding from the first year to the second year based on year-to-date expenditures from the fund.

- ***Operational Support Funding.*** Proposes additional operating funding of \$720,886 GF the first year and \$1.1 million GF the second year for operational support for DCR programs to remedy deficiencies identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts in 2014.
- ***State Park Conservation Fund.*** Proposes technical changes of \$2.0 million NGF in each year for the State Park Conservation Resources Fund.
- ***High Hazard Dam Reporting.*** Includes language authorizing the use of Dam Safety Funds for the development of a rehabilitation plan for high hazard dams maintained by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- ***Provide Line of Credit.*** Part 3 of the budget proposes to establish a \$4.0 million line of credit to cover periodic cash flow constraints resulting from periodic delays in federal grant reimbursements and seasonal fluctuations in state park revenues.
- ***Construct Seven Bends.*** Part 2 of the budget (Item C-25.20) proposes \$2.2 million the second year for an NGF capital project to develop Seven Bends State Park as a limited-use park.

#### ***Central Account Reductions***

- ***Increase State Park Fees.*** Proposes to increase unspecified state park fees by an unspecified amount in order to generate \$870,144 NGF in the second year.
- ***Transfer NGF Balances.*** Proposes the transfer of \$1.4 million in balances the first year from three DCR programs including Dam Safety, State Park Acquisition, and the Virginia Land Conservation Fund.
- ***Other Central Account Savings Strategies.*** Other reduction strategies included in the central accounts total \$262,742 GF in the first year and \$1.4 million GF in the second year.

- **Department of Environmental Quality**

- ***Establish a Class A Biosolids Fee.*** Proposes language authorizing DEQ to establish a fee for producers of Class A Biosolids of \$3.75 per dry ton beginning October 1, 2015. Currently, the department charges \$7.50 per dry ton of land-applied Class B Biosolids.

#### ***Central Account Reductions***

- ***Transfer NGF Balances.*** Proposes the transfer of \$3.6 million NGF in balances the first year and \$2.7 million NGF the second year from seven DEQ programs as outlined in the table below.

## Proposed DEQ NGF Balance Transfers

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Waste Tire Fund	\$ 997,630		\$ 997,630
Hazardous Waste Management Fund	\$ 800,000		\$ 800,000
Emission Inspection Program	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,900,000
Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Fund		\$2,367,213	\$ 2,367,213
Fish Killing Investigation Fund	\$ 51,639		\$ 51,639
Surplus Supplies and Equipment Sales	\$ 70,395		\$ 70,395
Environmental Covenants Fund	\$ 36,364		\$ 36,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,556,028</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,213</b>	<b>\$ 6,223,241</b>

- **Department of Game and Inland Fisheries**

- *Department Headquarters Project.* Proposes a series of amendments in Part 2 of the budget (Item C-25.10) related to the relocation of the Department’s headquarters initiated in 2008. First, language is included to rescind Virginia Public Building Authority bond funding for the project. Additionally, language is included in Part II that reverts property to the Department of Transportation. The department received administrative authorization to purchase an existing building that can be funded using Game Protection Fund balances.
- *Land Acquisition.* Proposes language in Part 2 of the budget (Item C-23) authorizing an additional \$1.3 million NGF for the Land Acquisition Capital Program.
- *Transfer NGF Balances.* Proposes the transfer of \$4.3 million NGF balances to the general fund in the second year including \$2.6 million in hunting and fishing equipment sales taxes and \$1.7 million in watercraft sales taxes.

- **Department of Historic Resources**

- *Central Account Reductions.* Agency reduction strategies included in Item 471.10 total \$169,199 GF in the first year and \$487,600 GF in the second year. Included in these reductions is \$250,000 GF in the second year for Civil War Historic Site Preservation.

- **Marine Resources Commission**

- *Federal Fisheries Survey.* Proposes \$366,000 NGF and 3.0 FTEs in the second year from federal funds in support of the transfer of responsibility to the VMRC for the fisheries survey program.
- *Central Account Reductions.* Proposes savings totaling \$732,354 in the first year and \$625,000 the second year primarily from two actions related to Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses. In the first year, License Fund program balances are used to supplant general fund reductions. In the second year, the saltwater recreational fishing license fee is increased by an unspecified amount, generating \$550,000.

- **Virginia Museum of Natural History**

- *Central Account Reductions.* Proposes savings strategies totaling \$145,000 GF the first year and \$203,000 GF the second year primarily from reductions in personnel costs and the elimination of 2.0 FTEs.