

# DNR CAPITAL AND REAPPROPRIATIONS

## BUDGET REQUEST

Fiscal Years 2027 - 2032



# Department of Natural Resources



**INTRODUCTORY NARRATIVE  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST  
FISCAL YEARS 2027-2032  
NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

**Introduction:**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is a diverse state agency with employees and properties found in all 88 counties. DNR's mission is to ensure a balance between the wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all.

**Issues, Strategy and Goals:**

The capital request focusses on replacements and renovations of deteriorated facilities and reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance. This request does not include any new construction of facilities other than maintenance buildings.

**Dam Safety:**

DNR is requesting **\$50 million** for dam rehabilitation to continue the critical work to repair Class I dams at Cowan Lake and Lake Logan state park, as well as address other dam improvements. This investment is vital to prevent a failure that has a high risk of loss to both life and property. Approximately **\$11 million** of the requested funding will support the Muskingum River Parkway to keep the historic waterway open to boating traffic through the ten locks and dams. Opened in 1841, this lock and dam system is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest and only hand operated system in the country.

**State Parks:**

DNR is requesting funding over the next two years for upgrades to state parks facilities. Major projects include:

- **\$47 million** for projects including restrooms, showerhouses and other critical projects
- **\$27 million** for marina and boating access improvement projects at seven state parks: Burr Oak, Caesar Creek, Cowan Lake, East Harbor, Grand Lake St. Marys, Lake White, and South Bass Island
- **\$24 million** for water/wastewater upgrades at various state parks
- **\$21 million** for campground upgrades at Barkcamp, Delaware, Geneva, Mohican and Wolf Run state parks
- **\$10 million** is being requested for roadway infrastructure, bridge and paving improvements
- **\$5 million** for cabin renovations Lake Hope and Maumee Bay state parks

### **Fish and Wildlife Resources:**

To support the Division of Wildlife, **\$10 million** is being requested for conservation and wildlife projects including:

- **\$5 million** for the purchase of a new research vessel to replace the Research Vessel Grandon used to assess Lake Erie fisheries by the Fairport Harbor Fisheries Unit
- **\$5 million** for improvements to the Hebron Fish Hatchery, including upgrades to electrical infrastructure, kettle enhancements, and the addition of aeration systems to the ponds. These improvements will enhance water quality and modernize the facilities infrastructure.

### **State Forests:**

To support the Division of Forestry, **\$4 million** is requested for waterline replacements, parking lot improvements and a maintenance facility at the Buckeye Tree Nursery.

### **State Nature Preserves:**

The capital budget request includes **\$3.3 million** to support Division of Natural Areas and Preserves projects including funding for storage facilities statewide, a new maintenance facility at Mathers Mill State Nature Preserve, office construction at Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve, Trail Steel Bridge Replacement at Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve and boardwalk rehabilitation at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve

### **Priorities, Decisions and Trade-offs:**

Prioritizing critical projects within the department is no easy task. This request addresses \$87 million deferred maintenance at Ohio's 76 state parks. This request prioritizes financial resources to catch up with the projects postponed over the years. This capital request focuses on renovating and upgrading existing facilities used by the public.

### **Conclusion:**

The following pages contain an effective, comprehensive plan that DNR can efficiently implement to improve the condition of our lands and facilities for the benefit of all Ohioans. **The capital request of \$253.2 million includes \$231.7 million in bond funds supporting DNR projects, \$12.5 million for Clean Ohio trail grants, \$4.4 million in statewide local NatureWorks grants and \$4.5 million in cash backed funds.** This request is \$89 million less than the FY 25-26 capital request. DNR believes these requests align with Governor DeWine's goal to invest in opportunities for our citizens to experience Ohio's many natural wonders while preserving the environment for future generations to enjoy.

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## BEA-0021 Capital Improvement Plan - Summary Agency Bud

| Agency                 | Fund Code | ALI                                       | Actual            | Appropriation     | Request           |                   |                   |
|------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                        |           |   | FY 2023-24        | FY 2025-26        | FY 2027-28        | FY 2029-30        | FY 2031-32        |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725N7 DIS OFC RENOV DEV                  | 4,557,151         | 2,277,188         | 0                 | 7,956,000         | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725D5 FOUNTAIN SQ BLDG/TELPHNE IMPRV     | 1,686,538         | 3,060,493         | 5,068,000         | 11,480,000        | 3,456,000         |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725D7 MARCS EQUIPMENT                    | 30,899            | 3,155,182         | 275,000           | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725E0 DNR FAIRGROUNDS AREAS-UPGRDING     | 872,175           | 570,000           | 600,000           | 500,000           | 500,000           |
| <b>Fund 7026 Total</b> |           |   | <b>7,146,763</b>  | <b>9,062,864</b>  | <b>5,943,000</b>  | <b>19,936,000</b> | <b>3,956,000</b>  |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT        | 7,288,537         | 11,484,178        | 5,150,000         | 32,178,000        | 36,934,000        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725J0 NATURAL AREAS/PRESERVS MNT/FAC     | 26,584            | 2,386,180         | 3,237,000         | 13,522,000        | 8,250,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725J6 OHIO AND ERIE CANAL                | 0                 | 3,885,000         | 3,940,000         | 6,706,000         | 7,235,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725K0 STATE PARK RENOVATIONS/UPGRDNG     | 2,319,075         | 9,738,233         | 2,000,000         | 2,000,000         | 3,000,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725M0 Dam Rehabilitation                 | 909,499           | 459,959           | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725N5 WASTEWATER/WATER SYSTEMS UPGRD     | 178,448           | 3,248,480         | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725N8 Forestry Equipment                 | 3,522,373         | 2,000,000         | 2,624,000         | 15,976,000        | 17,910,000        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725T3 HEALTHY LAKE ERIE INITIATIVE       | 6,761,741         | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72525 Statewide Boundry and Misc. Survey | 0                 | 255,681           | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725C5 GRAND LAKE ST MARYS STATE PARK     | 25,000            | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725E1 LOCAL PARKS PROJECTS-STATEWIDE     | 5,928,935         | 7,538,453         | 4,449,638         | 18,475,275        | 19,248,863        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725E5 PROJECT PLANNING                   | 918,285           | 3,477,400         | 847,550           | 3,519,100         | 3,666,450         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725V7 Road Signage                       | 0                 | 413,690           | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>Fund 7031 Total</b> |           |   | <b>27,878,478</b> | <b>44,887,255</b> | <b>22,248,188</b> | <b>92,376,375</b> | <b>96,244,313</b> |

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|                        |           |   | FY 2023-24         | FY 2025-26         | FY 2027-28         | FY 2029-30         | FY 2031-32         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins  | 125,943,624        | 115,862,840        | 40,192,000         | 73,904,000         | 67,816,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725L8 Statewide Trails Program               | 1,960,454          | 23,718,765         | 1,072,000          | 8,601,000          | 6,029,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725M5 LAKE ERIE ISLAND SP/MIDDLE BSS         | 3,136,635          | 11,747             | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725N6 Wastewater & Water Systems Upgrade     | 9,084,780          | 1,383,416          | 23,103,000         | 22,932,000         | 25,080,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE             | 12,826,947         | 38,238,042         | 72,737,750         | 98,699,000         | 85,231,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R4 DAM REHABILITATION-PARKS               | 27,569,213         | 68,427,173         | 37,977,000         | 87,174,000         | 70,034,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R5 LAKE WHITE ST PARK-DAM REHAB           | 147,000            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U4 OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT                   | 0                  | 9,550,000          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U7 Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation | 7,551,845          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U8 Erosion Emergency Assistance           | 2,068,687          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities                  | 977,138            | 20,386,487         | 9,500,000          | 27,487,000         | 19,332,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725B2 Parks Equipment                        | 2,733,905          | 500,000            | 3,500,000          | 2,000,000          | 2,000,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725B5 BUCKEYE LAKE DAM REHABILITATN          | 8,923              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725C4 MUSKINGUM RIVER LOCK & DAM             | 10,763,233         | 26,597,977         | 10,000,000         | 44,572,000         | 55,060,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725E2 Local Parks Projects                   | 57,600,092         | 121,711,696        | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725E6 PROJECT PLANNING                       | 9,622,255          | 12,812,954         | 9,904,088          | 18,268,450         | 16,529,100         |
| <b>Fund 7035 Total</b> |           |   | <b>271,994,733</b> | <b>439,201,097</b> | <b>207,985,838</b> | <b>383,637,450</b> | <b>347,111,100</b> |
| DNR                    | 7061      | C72514 CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND                  | 9,441,581          | 15,864,763         | 12,500,000         | 12,500,000         | 12,500,000         |
| <b>Fund 7061 Total</b> |           |   | <b>9,441,581</b>   | <b>15,864,763</b>  | <b>12,500,000</b>  | <b>12,500,000</b>  | <b>12,500,000</b>  |
| DNR                    | 5180      | C725U6 Oil and Gas Facilities                 | 0                  | 9,583,000          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Fund 5180 Total</b> |           |   | <b>0</b>           | <b>9,583,000</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |
| DNR                    | 5CV3      | C725V4 Parks ARPA                             | 17,027,387         | 52,032,209         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |

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| DNR                    | 5CV3      | C725V5 Trails ARPA                                | 4,695,670          | 7,100,270          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 5CV3      | C725V6 Wastewater/Water Systems ARPA              | 5,817,591          | 27,384,207         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Fund 5CV3 Total</b> |           |   | <b>27,540,648</b>  | <b>86,516,685</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |
| DNR                    | 7015      | C725K9 WILDLIFE AREA BLDG DEV/RENOV               | 1,764,822          | 51,279,801         | 4,500,000          | 4,500,000          | 4,500,000          |
| DNR                    | 7015      | C725L9 DAM REHABILITATION                         | 37,923             | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7015      | C725B6 UPGRADE UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS             | 5,100              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Fund 7015 Total</b> |           |   | <b>1,807,845</b>   | <b>51,279,801</b>  | <b>4,500,000</b>   | <b>4,500,000</b>   | <b>4,500,000</b>   |
| DNR                    | 7086      | C725N9 OPERATIONS FACILITIES DVNT                 | 485,307            | 5,099,931          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| DNR                    | 7086      | C725A7 Cooperative Funding for Boating Facilities | 6,085,442          | 4,775,909          | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Fund 7086 Total</b> |           |   | <b>6,570,748</b>   | <b>9,875,841</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>DNR Total</b>       |           |   | <b>352,380,796</b> | <b>666,271,307</b> | <b>253,177,026</b> | <b>512,949,825</b> | <b>464,311,413</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     |           |   | <b>352,380,796</b> | <b>666,271,307</b> | <b>253,177,026</b> | <b>512,949,825</b> | <b>464,311,413</b> |

## BEA-0021 Capital Improvement Plan - Detail by Fund and Priority Agency Bud

| Agency                 | Fund Code | ALI  | Project Type           | Service Location       | Project Name   | Project Priority | FY 2027-28        | FY 2029-30        | FY 2031-32        |
|------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| DNR                    | 7015      | C725K9 WILDLIFE AREA BLDG DEV/RENOV          | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Wildlife Shooting Rangers                            | 1                | 4,500,000         | 4,500,000         | 4,500,000         |
| <b>Fund 7015 Total</b> |           |  |                        |                        |  |                  | <b>4,500,000</b>  | <b>4,500,000</b>  | <b>4,500,000</b>  |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725D5 FOUNTAIN SQ BLDG/TELPHNE IMPRV        | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0025 FRANKLIN COUNTY  | Fountain Square Improvements                                   | 1                | 5,068,000         | 11,480,000        | 3,456,000         |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725D7 MARCS EQUIPMENT                       | CAPITAL EQUIPMENT      | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Law Enforcement Equipment Purchase                   | 2                | 275,000           |                   |                   |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725E0 DNR FAIRGROUNDS AREAS-UPGRDING        | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0025 FRANKLIN COUNTY  | Fairground Improvements  | 3                | 600,000           | 500,000           | 500,000           |
| DNR                    | 7026      | C725N7 DIS OFC RENO DEV                      | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide District Office Renovations                          | 4                |                   | 7,956,000         |                   |
| <b>Fund 7026 Total</b> |           |  |                        |                        |  |                  | <b>5,943,000</b>  | <b>19,936,000</b> | <b>3,956,000</b>  |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725E5 PROJECT PLANNING                      | PLANNING               | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Project Planning   | 1                | 847,550           | 3,519,100         | 3,666,450         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | PLANNING               | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Program Technical Services                           | 2                | 1,900,000         | 1,900,000         | 1,900,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide ODNR Bridge Improvements                             | 3                | 750,000           | 10,652,000        | 6,826,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725N8 Forestry Equipment                    | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Forestry Facilities Improvements                     | 4                | 1,179,000         | 12,976,000        | 14,910,000        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725J0 NATURAL AREAS/PRESERVS MNT/FAC        | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide DNAP Trail Improvements                              | 5                | 2,150,000         | 4,763,000         | 2,220,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725J6 OHIO AND ERIE CANAL                   | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Canal Improvements                                   | 6                | 3,940,000         | 6,706,000         | 7,235,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725J0 NATURAL AREAS/PRESERVS MNT/FAC        | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide DNAP Trail Improvements                              | 7                | 1,087,000         | 8,759,000         | 6,030,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725N8 Forestry Equipment                    | NEW CONSTRUCTION       | C0060 MUSKINGUM COUNTY | Buckeye State Tree Nursery Improvements                        | 8                | 1,445,000         |                   |                   |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide ODNR Environmental/Fuel Upgrades                     | 9                | 1,000,000         | 1,422,000         | 1,300,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725K0 STATE PARK RENOVATIONS/UPGRDNG        | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Civilian Conservation Corps Facilities Preservations | 10               | 2,000,000         | 2,000,000         | 3,000,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide OIT Equipment  | 11               | 1,500,000         |                   |                   |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725E1 LOCAL PARKS PROJECTS-STATEWIDE        | OTHER                  | C0089 STATEWIDE        | NatureWorks - Assumed Grant Value                              | 12               | 4,449,638         | 18,475,275        | 19,248,863        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C725N8 Forestry Equipment                    | CAPITAL EQUIPMENT      | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Forestry Equipment Purchases                         | 13               |                   | 3,000,000         | 3,000,000         |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide ODNR Facilities Improvements                         | 14               |                   | 10,965,000        | 22,910,000        |
| DNR                    | 7031      | C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT           | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0022 ERIE COUNTY      | Old Woman Creek Facility Improvements                          | 15               |                   | 7,239,000         | 3,998,000         |
| <b>Fund 7031 Total</b> |           |  |                        |                        |  |                  | <b>22,248,188</b> | <b>92,376,375</b> | <b>96,244,313</b> |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R4 DAM REHABILITATION-PARKS              | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Dam Rehabilitation and Improvements                  | 1                | 37,977,000        | 87,174,000        | 70,034,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725C4 MUSKINGUM RIVER LOCK & DAM            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Muskingum River Parkway State Park Lock & Dan Rehabilitation   | 2                | 10,000,000        | 44,572,000        | 55,060,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Bridge Improvements                                  | 3                | 503,000           | 2,794,000         | 2,846,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725E6 PROJECT PLANNING                      | PLANNING               | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Project Planning   | 4                | 9,904,088         | 18,268,450        | 16,529,100        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725N6 Wastewater & Water Systems Upgrade    | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Water/Wastewater Improvements                        | 5                | 23,103,000        | 22,932,000        | 25,080,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Roadway & Drainage Improvements                      | 6                | 8,118,000         | 15,130,000        | 14,759,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Water Access, Shoreline, and Marina Improvements     | 7                | 26,139,000        | 40,761,000        | 45,902,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Campground Improvements                              | 8                | 22,984,000        | 36,628,000        | 40,489,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide State Park Lodge Improvements                        | 9                | 5,874,000         | 17,729,000        | 8,924,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Restrooms and Showerhouses                           | 10               | 25,016,750        | 12,895,000        | 15,463,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725L8 Statewide Trails Program              | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Trail and Bridge Improvements                        | 11               | 1,072,000         | 8,601,000         | 6,029,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Cabin Improvements                                   | 12               | 4,334,000         | 12,547,000        | 13,403,000        |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Small Capital Improvements                           | 13               | 7,000,000         | 7,000,000         | 5,000,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE            | BASIC RENOVATION       | C0089 STATEWIDE        | Statewide Parks & Watercraft Facility Improvements             | 14               | 5,842,000         | 18,017,000        | 1,761,000         |

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| Agency                 | Fund Code | ALI                               | Project Type            | Service Location | Project Name                                     | Project Priority | FY 2027-28         | FY 2029-30         | FY 2031-32         |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE | BASIC RENOVATION        | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Park Day Use Improvements              | 15               | 7,119,000          | 9,102,000          | 4,500,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725B2 Parks Equipment            | CAPITAL EQUIPMENT       | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Parks & Watercraft Equipment Purchases | 16               | 3,500,000          | 2,000,000          | 2,000,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities      | BASIC RENOVATION        | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Wildlife Facility Improvements         | 17               | 4,500,000          | 16,961,000         | 15,074,000         |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities      | CAPITAL EQUIPMENT       | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Wildlife Equipment Purchases           | 18               | 5,000,000          | 2,000,000          | 2,000,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities      | BASIC RENOVATION        | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide ODNR Roadway Improvements              | 19               |                    | 7,526,000          | 1,758,000          |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities      | BASIC RENOVATION        | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Wildlife Environmental/Fuel Upgrades   | 20               |                    | 500,000            |                    |
| DNR                    | 7035      | C725U9 Recreation Facilities      | BASIC RENOVATION        | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Statewide Wildlife Shooting Ranges               | 21               |                    | 500,000            | 500,000            |
| <b>Fund 7035 Total</b> |           |                                   |                         |                  |  |                  | <b>207,985,838</b> | <b>383,637,450</b> | <b>347,111,100</b> |
| DNR                    | 7061      | C72514 CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND      | Community Project - Yes | C0089 STATEWIDE  | Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grants                     | 1                | 12,500,000         | 12,500,000         | 12,500,000         |
| <b>Fund 7061 Total</b> |           |                                   |                         |                  |  |                  | <b>12,500,000</b>  | <b>12,500,000</b>  | <b>12,500,000</b>  |
| <b>DNR Total</b>       |           |                                   |                         |                  |  |                  | <b>253,177,026</b> | <b>512,949,825</b> | <b>464,311,413</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     |           |                                   |                         |                  |  |                  | <b>253,177,026</b> | <b>512,949,825</b> | <b>464,311,413</b> |

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725K9 WILDLIFE AREA BLDG DEV/RENOV, Capital Project 001**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Wildlife Shooting Ranges

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to provide improvements to shooting ranges located throughout Ohio. ODNR, through the Division of Wildlife, is responsible for management and operation of public shooting and archery ranges at multiple locations throughout the state. Improvements to the facilities include embankment stabilization, shooting shed enhancements designed to minimize the risk of bullets leaving the intended fall zone. User experience enhancements, including modifications to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All improvements made will be in alignment with the NRA shooting range design standards. The Division of Wildlife has identified improvements needed at Monroe Lake Wildlife Area, Wolf Creek Wildlife Area, Oxbow Wildlife Area, Resthaven Wildlife Area, Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Wyandot Wildlife Area, Tri Valley Wildlife Area, Spencer Lake Wildlife Area, and Veto Lake Wildlife Area.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased shooting range improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimis impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

These projects are intended to enhance energy efficiency at all sites. Life safety is paramount at all ODNR shooting ranges, projects align with NRA shooting range design standards. Experiences for all ability levels and ADA accessibility will be integrated into the facilities.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

These projects are intended to enhance energy efficiency at all sites. Life safety is paramount at all ODNR shooting ranges, projects align with NRA shooting range design standards. Experiences for all ability levels and ADA accessibility will be integrated into the facilities.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725D5 FOUNTAIN SQ BLDG/TELPHNE IMPRV, Capital Project 001**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Fountain Square Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR intends to continue renovations to the Fountain Square Complex located in Franklin County which has been identified in a previous facility assessment. Projects include HVAC renovations in Buildings G & H, fire panel replacements campus wide, and other small capital improvements to the Fountain Square Complex as determined as necessary during the FY 2027-28 biennium. ODNR's continued facility assessment and master planning efforts will identify changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, and long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs at the Fountain Square Complex.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased Fountain Square improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The master plan contemplates a phased construction strategy including building envelope, HVAC systems, electrical systems, and site work improvements. The master plan prioritized the work into multiple phases, including the work currently underway in FY25-26, based on life safety and operational needs. Fountain Square serves as ODNR's main campus and includes offices for all divisions.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

All projects seek to improve ADA accessibility for all occupants and guests. Since FY14 \$11,416,333.29 in capital funding has been used for various improvements at Fountain Square.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725D7 MARCS EQUIPMENT, Capital Project 002**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Law Enforcement Equipment Purchase

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

To replace the fire alarm panels at ODNR's Fountain Square complex.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

No.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Quotes as the cost estimate methodology.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

ODNR is not projecting any cost savings with this project.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The ODNR Campus Fire Panels are 12 years old. The average life cycle of a commercial fire panel ranges from 10 to 15 years, with the majority of panels needing replaced at the 10-year mark. Our current panels are 2 generations old and vendors are experiencing extreme difficulty sourcing replacement panels. This could leave campus unprotected if a panel fails and new ones are not readily available for replacement. If this happens it will likely put public safety at risk for an extended time.

The average cost over the past 2 years for fire coverage, inspections, and repairs out of coverage is over \$185,000 a year. This cost is continually getting larger with a growing call volume. Our call volume goes under review annually. Ours has risen to a level where the fire coverage costs have increased 60%. With the failing aged equipment, it is anticipated to have higher repair volumes as well. This capital improvement would replace 100% of all existing equipment and all its components. This improvement would relieve us from having proprietary equipment. We will use this to outsource our work to preferred vendors at lower costs.

Our fire panels are tied in with our Security System, Genetec. Genetec is serviced by our preferred vendor Northwestern Ohio Security Systems. We currently have proprietary fire equipment that can only be serviced by Johnson Controls. With this improvement we would be able to minimize the number of people who work on our security system.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Our biggest growing concern would be for the Life and Safety of our employees and visitors. Again, ODNR Campus Fire Panels have reached their end of life, and are going to be difficult to source/replace. This is a situation of not if, but when it fails. When it does it will be difficult and very costly to keep our current system going. When it fails it will leave campus without fire protection and put public safety at risk. To keep everyone safe this improvement needs to be remedied as soon as possible.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725E0 DNR FAIRGROUNDS AREAS-UPGRDING, Capital Project 003**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Fairground Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to design and construct capital improvements within the Natural Resources Park, which is located at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio. Projects include renovations of existing buildings and associated site structures. Additionally, this project will address customer-centered programming activity improvements, such as educational displays and interactive opportunities. This request also includes funding for small capital improvements that may be necessary.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased fairground improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The ODNR Natural Resources Park is one of the most visited areas during the Ohio State Fair, with many fairgoers walking through this site at some point during their visit. Several structures are more than 20 years old and other site features (such as utility systems) are even older. Significant improvements have been made in recent biennia, but site accessibility and supporting infrastructure still needs improvement. Due to the high visitation rate, it is important to keep these facilities in good condition.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

All projects at the fairgrounds are designed to increase accessibility for all ages and ability levels. Since FY15, \$2,160,021.70 in capital funding has been used for various improvements at ODNR Park at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725E5 PROJECT PLANNING, Capital Project 001**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Project Planning - 7031

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This request allows ODNR to successfully administer the programs and provides the ability for project management staff to charge payroll expenses to the project's funding source (Fund 7031), and thereby reduce demands on General Revenue Fund (GRF) payroll. This includes, but is not limited to, staffing reimbursement, owner agent fees, and other programmatic support and needs. The utilization of owner-agent services provides project management support to ODNR staff and design project teams while allowing flexibility of assignments which reduces associated personnel costs. Eligible staff expenses associated with the design and construction of capital improvement projects or land acquisition activities paid for under the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031), will be reimbursed as established under the original legislation that created this fund in 1994. Actual staff costs are paid from the Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 4S90), which is reimbursed from Fund 7031.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR staff are permanent, full-time employees and therefore costs remain constant and predictable. Planning and project management services are procured through a qualifications-based selection process and fee negotiated after a firm is selected. Assignments will be adjusted depending on the anticipated capital project workload.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

This request allows ODNR to successfully administer the programs and provides the ability to allocate payroll expenses, and thereby reduce demands on General Revenue Fund (GRF) payroll. In addition, ODNR continues to develop capital planning processes including on-going facility assessments and inventories. Information from assessments is used to develop capital plans. The utilization of owner-agent services provides project management support to ODNR staff and design project teams while allowing flexibility of assignments which reduces associated personnel costs.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Funding in the amount of \$1,277,400 for project planning expenses was allocated from Fund 7031, ALI C725E5 in FY25-26.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT, Capital Project 002**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Program Technical Services

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to provide technical support services for various small-to-medium planning, renovation, rehabilitation and improvement projects. This project will also include investigative engineering services for post-construction concerns or issues. This may include short notice, urgent and/or emergency technical assistance at ODNR facilities across the state. This request creates a source of funding to address critical needs while at the same time addressing minor capital improvement requirements.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is an ongoing request and is not structured as a phased approach. The intent is to provide the Department with the flexibility to quickly address capital projects as needs arise.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

ODNR currently maintains an extensive infrastructure across the state, including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, and buildings ranging from simple picnic shelters to full-service lodges. It is anticipated that individual projects may involve electrical, mechanical, and HVAC systems; environmental and water resource elements such as dams, canals, shorelines, and other waterways; as well as roadways, structural and geotechnical work, facility assessments, and other design and construction administration tasks for minor construction or rehabilitation projects. Projects may also arise in response to public needs, unforeseen natural or accidental events (such as flooding, fire, or storm damage), or the discovery of conditions requiring prompt attention to prevent further damage or loss (e.g., building envelope or structural issues). ODNR will continue to utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across its facility portfolio.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT, Capital Project 003**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide ODNR Bridge Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This project will allow ODNR to address deficiencies in bridges and related infrastructure noted on ODOT inspections at various locations throughout the State. This program will focus on bridges owned and managed by ODNR. Other small capital improvements to ODNR's bridge and related infrastructure inventory may also be added to this program as determined as necessary during the FY 2027-28 biennium. Orphan bridge assessments, to be conducted statewide, are also included in this project. ODNR continues its ongoing facility assessment and master planning efforts to identify facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR's bridge and roadways portfolio.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR intends to complete this project in one phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Across the state, ODNR has aging infrastructure, including a large inventory of bridges, roadways and related systems. In conjunction with ODOT and professional consulting services, ODNR's bridges have been inspected and inventoried. Due to the deteriorating conditions and aging structures, replacements and rehabilitations are required.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725N8 Forestry Equipment, Capital Project 004**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Forestry Facilities Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to replace a bridge structure at Shawnee State Forest to maintain efficient access for forest management and recreational activities. Additionally, improvements are planned for the parking lot at Selinda Roosenburg Backpack Trailhead by expanding access for visitors with the addition of several parking spaces to the lot and improving the grade of the parking lot to reduce flooding impacts.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased ODNR facility improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The ODNR Division of Forestry manages Ohio's public and private forest lands to ensure their sustainable use and protection. The division oversees more than 200,000 acres across 24 state forests, which are managed for multiple uses, including sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat, soil and water protection, and recreation

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725J0 NATURAL AREAS/PRESERVS MNT/FAC, Capital Project 005**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide DNAP Facility Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The Division of Natural Areas and Preserves maintains over 150 properties throughout the state of Ohio. These projects will address long-term improvements across the state. The intent of these projects is to provide improvements to stormwater drainage, site stabilization, storage facilities for equipment, equipment and renovations of office facilities for staff. Current identified projects in FY27/28 include, but are not limited to, structures located at Mathers Mill, Irwin Prairie, Old Woman Creek, Olsen, Lawrence Woods, Chaparral Prairie, Goll Woods, Eagle Creek Nature Preserves.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR intends to complete the projects identified in this biennium in one phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The Division operates a statewide system of state nature preserves, natural areas and scenic rivers, protecting the best remaining examples of Ohio's natural heritage. There are three programs in the Division - nature preserves, scenic rivers, and botanical inventory and monitoring. The Division administers the Natural Areas Act, Endangered Plant Law, Cave Protection Act and Ohio Scenic Rivers Act. To effectively manage and maintain these protected areas in accordance with their designations, DNAP relies on well-planned and strategically located equipment, storage, and office facilities. These resources are essential for supporting field operations, stewardship activities, and long-term conservation goals.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

These projects are designed to protect both life and property within and around the affected areas. Funding in the amount of \$3,885,000 was allocated from Fund 7031, ALI C725J6 in FY25-26.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725J6 OHIO AND ERIE CANAL, Capital Project 006**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Canal Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These projects will provide critical improvements to canal structures owned and operated by ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft. Structures are located throughout the state of Ohio within the Miami & Erie, Ohio & Erie, and the Kirkersville Feeder canal systems. The canal system is comprised of miles of embankment and related water controls structures. The components of these systems are approaching 200 years old and issues continue to arise as these structures age. This request will allow the Division of Parks & Watercraft to address small rehabilitation projects as prioritized within the statewide canals master plans or to redirect towards immediate needs. This project also includes an initiative to survey and reestablish canal property boundaries throughout the state. Due to the property acquisition methods when the canals were first constructed, many boundaries are not defined in parcel maps or property deeds. Clearly delineating the state boundaries will expedite future projects and improve ODNR's ability to operate these facilities.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased canal improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

In addition, the canal structures across the state have unique historic value. These structures are part of larger complex navigation systems that were constructed beginning in the 1840s. Many of these structures have unique historical characteristics that have been maintained since their original construction. Encroachments and significant changes to structure and function have compounded to make these improvements critical.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725J0 NATURAL AREAS/PRESERVS MNT/FAC, Capital Project 007**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide DNAP Trail Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The purpose of this project is to enable ODNR to address necessary rehabilitation and improvements at bridge and trail facilities across the state. The focus is on infrastructure owned and operated by the ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves and the Division of Forestry. Initial projects identified include, but are not limited to: Replacement of a steel bridge at Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve and boardwalk replacement at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve. ODNR's facility condition evaluations and master planning efforts are ongoing. Additional facility needs may be identified as these efforts continue, including changes in use requirements, improvements in operational efficiency, and solutions to long-term maintenance and durability challenges.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR intends to complete these projects in one phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The ODNR, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves manages over 150 State Nature Preserves throughout the state, which contain pieces of Ohio's pre-settlement past, rare and endangered species, and unique geological features. Many Nature Preserves are remote and contain few amenities. Access is often only through pedestrian trails. At Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve, an aged steel pedestrian bridge will be replaced. Rehabilitation at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve includes an estimated one mile of boardwalk.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725N8 Forestry Equipment, Capital Project 008**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Buckeye State Tree Nursery Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The Buckeye Tree nursery focus is on restoring native hardwoods, Buckeye State Tree Nursery produces species such as oak, hickory, black walnut, sycamore, and American chestnut. The intent of this project is to construct a storage building and hoop house at the Buckeye State Tree Nursery in Muskingum County. This project will include, but is not limited to, constructing a secure space for storing planting equipment and materials and site improvements. These improvements will maximize production and efficiency for the nursery.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased facility development program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Operations at Buckeye State Tree Nursery result in faster production times, extended distribution, and high-quality seedlings suited for Ohio's environment. Seeds are collected in specific ecoregions throughout the state. As they grow, their source information is maintained so that when the seedlings are distributed, they can be sent to areas that match their genetic profile to give them the best chance for success.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Since FY25 \$4,229,000.00 in capital funding has been used for the development of the facility.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT, Capital Project 009**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide ODNR Environmental/Fuel Upgrades

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR has an ongoing need for environmental remediation and compliance. Improvements and compliance with Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs) is essential to maintain compliance with the State Fire Marshal and Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) requirements. Most ODNR facilities were constructed decades ago and as they undergo renovations and upgrades they will require identification, removal and proper disposal of hazardous materials. Funding will be used to retain services to address the removal and replacement of outdated and non-compliant USTs with ASTs, the closure of outdated, abandoned or non-compliant water wells at several ODNR locations, and professional design services for environmentally sensitive or hazardous material identification and removal. ODNR continues its ongoing facility assessment and master planning efforts, to identify facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR's facility portfolio. Fuel storage have been identified at the following locations: Buckeye Lake State Park, Deer Creek State Park, John Bryan State Park, and Sycamore State Park.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased environmental program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Certain systems were designed and constructed under once current, but now obsolete, code requirements. Organizational needs that drove original design decisions have changed over time and facilities and functions need modernization.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

ODNR's UST/AST program to remove and replace outdated and non-compliant storage tanks has made significant progress and funding will allow this program to continue, meet State and Federal requirements, and maintain the long-standing relationships ODNR has with the State Fire Marshall, BUSTR and the OEPA.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725K0 STATE PARK RENOVATIONS/UPGRDNG, Capital Project 010**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Civilian Conservation Corps Facilities Preservations

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to make capital improvements at ODNR's historical structures originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. These structures are located across the state and include residential cabins, dining halls, picnic shelters, lodges, and bridges. ODNR intends to rehabilitate these structures using similar construction techniques and materials to maintain the authenticity of these important historical assets. Possible locations include but not limited to the following State Parks: Hocking Hills (Cantwell Cliffs East Loop Shelter), Indian Lake (Shelter House/Storage Building and Fox Island Shelter House), Lake White (Upper and Lower Shelters), Mohican (Piney Hill Shelter and North Shelter), Pike Lake (Barn), Tar Hollow (Resident Camp Cabins/Lookout Shelter), and Lake Loramie (Shelter House).

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased CCC restoration program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The CCC facilities stand as outstanding examples of New Deal era architecture and the positive improvements made through public works projects in post-depression America. Many of the facilities have outlived their initial design life and have deteriorated due to exposure to the elements and overuse throughout the years. Renovations and improvements are required to preserve this unique element of Ohio history before they are lost altogether.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Funding in the amount of \$3,584,200 was allocated from Fund 7031, ALI C725K0 in FY25-26.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C72549 ODNR FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT, Capital Project 011**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide OIT Equipment

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

Outdated network equipment—also known as end-of-life (EOL) hardware—can create serious risks for any organization. These devices no longer receive updates or support, making them more vulnerable to cyberattacks, system failures, and performance issues. They also struggle to support modern technologies, which can slow down operations and limit future growth.

Upgrading this equipment helps:

- Protect against security threats with current updates and patches
- Improve speed and reliability across systems
- Support OISP strategy to reduce security vulnerabilities within the state
- Enable new tools and services that require modern infrastructure
- Reduces the number of Severity 4 and 5 vulnerabilities that are reported by the state's security platform

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

No.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

We are using quotes as the cost estimate methodology.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

ODNR is not projecting any cost savings with this project.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

No.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725E1 LOCAL PARKS PROJECTS-STATEWIDE, Capital Project 012**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

NatureWorks - Assumed Grant Value

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

Funding will be used for Nature Works local parks grants. Funds will be used to support continuation of grants for local government recreation projects through the NatureWorks program, as authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 1557.06(E). As mandated within the original legislation that created this fund, 20% of the amount appropriated in Fund 7031 for each capital biennium is to be allocated to this local grant program. HB 790 (120th General Assembly), the enabling legislation for the NatureWorks local outdoor recreation grant program, requires available funding to be divided between Ohio's 88 counties using a legislatively mandated per capita formula.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

No

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

20% of total funding request in Fund 7031.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

Operating cost for personnel costs to administer this program are in ALI C725E5.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Some local governments do not apply for funding.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

FY25-26 funding - \$6,197,150

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R4 DAM REHABILITATION-PARKS, Capital Project 001**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Dam Rehabilitation & Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These projects will undertake improvements to dams owned and operated by ODNR. These improvements include spillway, embankment, and lake drain rehabilitations. Dams to be rehabilitated may include but are not limited to Jackson Lake Dam, Kiser Lake Dam, Lake Grant Dam, Cowan Lake Dam, Ross Lake Dam, Stonelick Lake Dam, and Lake Logan Dam. This project also includes funding for small capital improvement projects, that will be identified as needs arise.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased statewide dam improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

ODNR owns and operates over 115 regulated dams statewide. These dams are inspected regularly by ODNR staff and regulated structures are periodically inspected by the ODNR Dam Safety program.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

These improvements would bring ODNR dams towards compliance with Ohio dam safety laws and rules. These projects are intended to protect life and property downstream of regulated structures.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725C4 MUSKINGUM RIVER LOCK & DAM, Capital Project 002**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Muskingum River Parkway State Park Lock & Dam Rehabilitation

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This project will rehabilitate a series of historic dams with navigation locks along the Muskingum River Parkway located in Muskingum, Morgan, and Washington Counties. These structures are part of a river navigation system that was originally constructed in the 1840s. Many of these structures have unique historical characteristics that have been maintained since their original construction. This project is a continuation of the ongoing Interim Risk Reduction Measures (IRRM) which includes improvements to Muskingum River Parkway Locks and Dams focusing Philo, Luke Chute, Stockport, and Rokeby.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased Muskingum River Parkway improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

This project is necessary because ODNR is legally mandated to keep ODNR-Owned dams in compliance with Ohio dam safety laws and rules. These dams include Class I and Class II structures which may result in the loss of life, high property value, and infrastructure in the event of dam failure. In addition, the dams along the Muskingum River Parkway have unique historic value. These improvements and rehabilitations will help to bring the structures into compliance with Ohio dam safety laws.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Life and Safety: These assessments and improvements help bring ODNR dams into compliance with Ohio dam safety laws and rules. These laws are intended to protect life and property downstream of regulated structures. Legally Mandated: These improvements will bring ODNR dams into compliance with Ohio dam safety laws and rules. Muskingum Lock and Dam Improvements were initially funded in FY17 and has received \$46,789,892.45 to date.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 003**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Bridge Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR intends to address deficiencies in bridges and related infrastructure noted by ODOT inspections at various locations throughout the State. This project includes the replacement of a bridge (SFN-2626454) at Harrison State Park. ODNR intends to address deficiencies in bridges and related infrastructures noted on the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) inspections and in ODNR assessments at various locations throughout the State. In future requests, work will be based upon updated condition data provided by ODOT inspections or new assessments.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased bridge improvement program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Across the state, ODNR has aging infrastructure. In conjunction with ODOT and professional consulting services, bridges have been inspected and inventoried. Due to the deteriorating conditions and aging structures, replacements and rehabilitations are required.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725E6 PROJECT PLANNING, Capital Project 004**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Project Planning

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

Funding will be used to cover the costs associated with managing and delivering ODNR's Capital Improvements program. This includes but is not limited to staffing reimbursement, owner agent fees, and other project planning and management services such as neutral facilitation services and assessment/feasibility services. Eligible staff expenses associated with the design and construction of capital improvement projects or land acquisition activities paid for under the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7035), will be reimbursed as established under the original legislation that created this fund in 1994. Actual staff costs are paid from the Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 2270), which is reimbursed from Fund 7035.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR staff are permanent, full-time employees and therefore costs remain constant and predictable. Planning and project management services are procured through a qualifications-based selection process and fee negotiated after a firm is selected. Assignments will be adjusted depending on the anticipated capital project workload.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

This request allows ODNR to successfully administer the programs and provides the ability to allocate payroll expenses, and thereby reduce demands on General Revenue Fund (GRF) payroll. In addition, ODNR continues to develop capital planning processes including on-going facility assessments and inventories. Information from assessments is used to develop capital plans. The utilization of owner-agent services provides project management support to ODNR staff and design project teams while allowing flexibility of assignments which reduces associated personnel costs.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Funding of \$12,173,400.00 for project planning expenses was allocated from Fund 7035, ALI C725E6 in FY25-26.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725N6 Wastewater & Water Systems Upgrade, Capital Project 005**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Water/Wastewater Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This project will improve and/or replace the existing water/wastewater systems at various locations statewide. The work will include, but is not limited to, the following locations: West Branch State Park, Blue Rock State Park, Deer Creek State Park, Mohican State Park, Scioto Trail State Park & Forest, Stonelick State Park and the Salem Mineral Resources Office. ODNR continues its ongoing efforts to identify division and facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR's water/wastewater portfolio. This also includes funding for statewide small capital improvements related to water/wastewater and water well abandonment.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased water/wastewater improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimis impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The water/wastewater systems identified have outlived their expected useful lives. The combination of age and increased use have resulted in the need to improve the existing water/wastewater infrastructure within current EPA requirements.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Every water and wastewater project undertaken by ODNR is meant to increase public access to safe drinking water and sanitary sewer services. This is accomplished with the addition of new connections and improvements to existing infrastructure including main line, service lines, and treatment facilities. When feasible, regional connections to municipal and county treatment facilities are made to ensure fiscal responsibility and service reliability.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 006**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Roadway & Drainage Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR owns and maintains over 1,700 miles of roadways and parking areas. A cooperative agreement exists between ODNR and ODOT to provide funding for routine roadway maintenance, however this program does not provide sufficient funding for ODNR's inventory. These projects will address long term improvements such as major resurfacing, full depth pavement reclamation, berming, and stormwater improvements that are beyond the scope and funding of the roadway maintenance program. Initial locations include Lake Hope State Park, Delaware State Park, and Hueston Woods State Park, but could expand to additional locations based on identified needs. ODNR continues its ongoing facility assessment and master planning efforts to identify facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased roadway improvement program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

This project is beyond the scope and funding ability of ODNR's cooperative Roadway Maintenance Program with ODOT. The improvements are too large for the program to consider in a single project, and the ODOT agreement does not supply sufficient funding to keep up with the required improvements for ODNR's roadway inventory. Without capital improvement funding, ODNR's roadway system will continue to deteriorate at an accelerated rate creating an undue burden on the maintenance program and generate an overall negative visitor experience.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 007**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Water Access, Shoreline, & Marina Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of this project is to restore and replace docks, piers, seawalls, breakwalls, and assess the associated marinas. Initial sites will include Burr Oak State Park, Cowan Lake State Park, Grand Lake St. Marys State Park, South Bass Island State Park, East Harbor State Park, Lake White State Park, and Caesar Creek State Park but could expand to additional locations based on identified needs.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

These projects are critical due to the increasing impact of storms and fluctuating water levels, which have led to significant sediment accumulation and extensive damage to seawalls, break walls, and marina infrastructure. This deterioration has compromised the system's ability to effectively mitigate wave erosion and prevent overtopping during storm events. Additionally, repairs to docks and piers are essential to restore safe and reliable access for boaters.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

The East Harbor Break wall and Jetty project received \$9,818,00 in the FY25/26 biennium for the first phase of this work.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins, Capital Project 008**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Campground Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR maintains campgrounds at 54 State Parks that contain approximately 9,000 campsites. This project will continue the campground improvements that began in FY15-16. ODNR will provide “full-service campsites” which include 50-amp electrical service, potable water, and sanitary sewer hook-ups at a select number of campsite locations. It also includes renovations or replacements of washhouses, restrooms, and other site improvements (i.e., fire rings, picnic tables, minor paving). ODNR continues its ongoing facility assessment and master planning efforts to identify facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR’s campground portfolio. Campground improvements include, but are not limited to, the following state parks: Barkcamp, Delaware, Geneva, Kelleys Island, Mohican, and Wolf Run.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased campground improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Campgrounds are an essential component to the services provided by the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft and are a significant revenue source. Many of the existing electrical connections do not provide adequate electrical service for modern RVs and do not meet the expectations of modern campers. Electrical, water, and wastewater infrastructure supplying sites is inadequate and in need of rehabilitation. Restrooms are outdated and washhouses are undersized, out of date, and, as campgrounds have expanded over the years, are not centralized for easy access by all campsites. As campgrounds are in high demand, updating services has been identified as a high priority by Parks and Watercraft.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

All projects seek to improve ADA accessibility for all occupants and guests. Statewide campground renovations were initially funded in FY14 and has received \$136,255,871.01 to date.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins, Capital Project 010**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide State Park Lodge Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These lodge renovation projects are focused on life safety and infrastructure improvements. Deer Creek Lodge, built in 1979, is 109,000 SF with 110 guest rooms. This requested funding will allow for improved ventilation and safety for the chemical equipment and storage rooms. Punderson Lodge, built in 1925, with 31 guest rooms. This requested funding will allow for the roof replacements, this requested funding will allow for roof replacements, building exterior, and potential mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased lodge improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The lodges help improve visitor experiences and provides additional access to our state parks through overnight experiences, special occasions and events.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

All projects seek to improve Energy efficient design will be integrated when feasible. Deer Creek Lodge has received \$34,643,696.86 for renovations since FY15, which have included electrical improvements and upgrades, site safety lighting, life safety improvements, new cooling tower, new entrance, guest room renovations, roofing and associated skylight replacement, new landscaping, new back-up generator, HVAC upgrades and exterior envelope renovations. Punderson Lodge has received \$7,057,101.57 for renovations since FY15, which have included mechanical, electrical, fire suppression upgrades, life safety improvements, and building envelope renovations.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 011**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Restrooms & Showerhouses

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These projects will provide assessment, design, and construction services for replacing outdated and deficient restrooms at ODNR day-use areas, including picnic areas, boat ramps, trailheads, and marinas. Where feasible, flush restroom facilities will be installed. In locations where this is not possible, vault latrines and alternative designs will be considered. ODNR's ongoing facility assessments and master planning efforts will continue to identify division-wide and site-specific needs—such as changes in use requirements, operational efficiencies, and long-term maintenance or durability concerns. Funding will be strategically utilized, adjusted, and managed to address these needs across ODNR's portfolio of day-use restroom facilities. Currently anticipated locations include East Fork State Park, Mohican State Park, Hocking Hills State Park, Grand Lake St. Mary's State Park, Delaware State Park, Findley State Park, Wolf Run State Park, Mosquito State Park, Maumee Bay State Park, Lake Alma State Park, and East Harbor State Park.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased restroom improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Customer feedback surveys have consistently highlighted the need for updated restroom and showerhouse facilities. Many existing structures have exceeded their intended design life and have deteriorated due to prolonged exposure to the elements, wildlife damage, and heavy use over the years. In remote areas where utility services are unavailable—or where the cost of connection is prohibitively high—vault latrines have traditionally been used. However, modern technologies now offer opportunities to provide enhanced amenities such as running water, flush toilets, and lighting, even in these remote locations.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

ODNR's intent is to ensure that restroom facility upgrades are the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, where possible, thereby increasing accessibility to the State Park system. All projects with water and wastewater components, including restrooms, are subject to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards and compliance.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725L8 Statewide Trails Program, Capital Project 012**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Trail and Bridge Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This project will replace and enhance the Hocking Hills Gorge Trail components including rehabilitation of pedestrian bridges and trail features. Additionally, similar small trail improvement projects throughout the Hocking Hills Trail system will be identified to enhance safety and our guest experience where such resources are not already available.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased trail and bridge improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Trail systems statewide provide visitors with opportunities to explore our state's bountiful resources. Hocking Hills State Park, one of the most visited of any ODNR properties, is home to an extensive trail system. Within Old Mans Cave and Cedar Falls lays a series of bridges acting as switchbacks for the lower gorge trails. Designed and built in 1997, these bridges have served countless visitors and are showing significant signs of their age and deterioration. The volatility of the gorge stream has created deep undercuts to the foundations of these bridges. Use of salts to create safe winter conditions on bridge decking has also led to scouring, delamination and deterioration of metals composing the bridges spanning girders. These bridges are an aging portion of a beloved trail system in need of rehabilitation.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

In Fiscal Year 2025, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) was allocated \$23,255,000 to advance the Statewide Trails Program. Previous funds were used toward significant trail improvements at Maumee Bay and Little Miami State Parks, enhancing accessibility, safety, and visitor experience. Additionally, ODNR is initiating the construction of a brand-new trail system at Pymatuning State Park, expanding recreational opportunities and supporting long-term outdoor engagement across the state.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins, Capital Project 013**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Cabin Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

ODNR maintains cabins at 16 State Parks and is responsible for the management of cabin areas at 8 parks and engages a concessionaire to manage the remaining 8 locations. These cabins were originally constructed from 1940-1992. The number of cabins varies from park to park, ranging from 24 to 66, however, the basic footprint and construction type of the cabins remains fairly consistent throughout the state park system. This project will continue the cabin renovations that began in FY15-16. ODNR intends to conduct modest renovations, complete renovations, and/or complete demolition, depending on assessments of existing cabins, operating impacts, and programmatic needs of the specific site. ODNR continues its ongoing facility assessment and master planning efforts to identify facility needs such as changes in use requirements, operating efficiencies, long-term maintenance/durability issues, and will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR's cabin portfolio.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased cabin improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

High volume usage has created an acceleration in the deterioration of facilities. Funds are being used to improve sites, strengthen infrastructure, and address degraded facilities throughout the state park system. Locations have been selected based on the outcome of master planning efforts. Certain systems were designed and constructed under once current, but now obsolete, code requirements. Organizational needs that drove original design decisions have changed over time and facilities and functions need modernization.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

All projects seek to improve ADA accessibility for all occupants and guests. Since FY14, \$74,615,691.04 has been allocated for statewide cabin renovations. The renovations to date have included building envelope improvements, interior finishes, new restroom components, drainage and associated site work, furniture, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades.

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725A0 State Parks Campgrounds/Lodges/Cabins, Capital Project 014**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Small Capital Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These projects will undertake construction associated with small to medium scopes of work at statewide State Park facilities. Projects could include small building construction, such as picnic shelters or storage buildings, renovations/improvements to various structures such as camp stores, district offices, maintenance facilities or other small to medium scale construction projects. Projects could also include those where an urgent need of the public exists, an unforeseen natural or accidental event (flooding, fire, or storm damage) requires prompt action, or a condition is discovered that needs addressed to avoid further damage or loss (building envelope damage, structural damage). ODNR will utilize, adjust, and manage funding to address these needs across ODNR's facility portfolio.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is an ongoing request and is not considered a phased approach. The intent is to provide the ability for the Department to quickly address small capital projects.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

ODNR currently maintains an extensive statewide infrastructure, including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, and buildings ranging in size from simple picnic shelters to full-service lodges. Multiple events involving urgent or emergency responses at facilities occur every year, and funding of corrective actions presently redirects funding to these events. This request creates a source of funding to address critical needs while at the same time addressing minor capital improvement requirements.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 015**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Parks & Watercraft Facility Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

These projects will enhance park operations, improve visitor experience, and ensure long-term sustainability of this vital recreational resource that serves thousands of visitors annually. The projects include but are not limited to renovation/rehabilitation projects to various structures such as a Vinyl (sign) shop, custodial and laundry facilities, maintenance facilities, and other existing structures at Dillon, Mohican and Pymatuning State Parks. The scope of the project may include roof replacement, renovation of offices, restrooms and laundry facilities. ODNR will utilize adaptive funding management to address identified needs, with the flexibility to adjust and reallocate resources based on priority considerations and emerging requirements across the facility portfolio.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased facilities improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

ODNR currently manages 76 state parks, over 150 wildlife areas, 24 state forests, and 150 state nature preserves, many of which have capital infrastructure and populations equivalent to a small town during peak usage seasons. Having appropriate facilities support infrastructure with updated proper storage and space for staff is necessary to keep these properties operating efficiently.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725R3 ST PKS RENOVATIONS/UPGRADE, Capital Project 016**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Park Day Use Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The intent of these projects is to provide upgrades to the irrigation system at the Deer Creek State Park golf course, as well as upgrading pavilions and playgrounds at Cowan Lake State Park, and the Pioneer Village which is a living history museum within Caesar Creek State Park.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

ODNR intends to complete these projects in one phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

De minimus impact.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Day use facilities at Ohio State Parks are essential for vibrant and dynamic experiences for visitors. Through the continual upgrading of day use facilities ODNR strives to enhance the visitors' experience. Deer Creek State Park golf course is a 350-acre course with carefully manicured greens that are smooth and true, and the long fairways and challenging greens will bring out the best of your game. The irrigation system components are over 40 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, requiring replacement. The technology available in modern control systems will allow for more precise timing of watering cycles and the potential reduction of water usage and staffing.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C725B2 Parks Equipment, Capital Project 017**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Parks & Watercraft Equipment Purchases

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

Parks & Watercraft is looking to replace the following equipment due to their high operational hours and increasing repair costs.

For the Dredge program:

- 2- 323 Cat Long Reach Excavators purchased from an existing DAS contract
- 1 - Cat D-5 LGP Bulldozer – purchased from an existing DAS contract

This equipment is used for building DMRA's (dredge material relocation area) and beach sand reclamation projects. We will be trading in the old equipment to reduce the overall cost of the purchase.

For the Construction program:

- 2 Boom Mowers - Mower Max
- 2 50 ton Semi Trailers
- 2 25 Ton tag Trailers
- 2 20 Ton Tag Trailers
- 2 F450 Flatbed trucks

The boom mowers are used in the Parks' dam mowing program to keep our dams safe and accessible. The various trailers are used to haul heavy equipment to locations all over the state to perform needed projects. The two flatbed trucks are used to haul the gooseneck trailers that transport equipment and materials. Both trucks to be replaced have more than 100,000 miles of hauling use.

For State Park operation:

Our state park staff complete countless repair and maintenance projects in house each year to keep the parks running. These include minor water line repairs, creation of new amenities like archery ranges or disk golf courses, etc. They also mow and maintain thousands of acres of mowed and wooded areas as well as trails and parking lots. To accomplish this, the parks need to replace equipment such as tractors, skid steers, mini-excavators and gators. Much of this equipment can be purchased on existing state contracts with the rest bid out competitively on Ohio Buys.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

Parks & WC attempts to phase new pieces of heavy equipment almost every capital request. Some requests are larger than others. We like to slowly replace a couple of pieces every biennium, so our fleet of equipment is routinely getting turned over before expensive repairs are needed.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

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Some of the equipment will be purchased from existing state contracts. Parks and Watercraft has a good working relationship with the major dealers of all the types of equipment needed. The project managers of the dredge and construction programs and state parks have gotten verbal quotes for the needed items that are not available on contract. All items not on contract will ultimately be competitively bid on Ohio Buys.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

It is difficult to predict the savings associated with the purchase since it is hard to predict when a piece of equipment will break down. Historically, we have spent tens of thousands of dollars per breakdown which does not include the staff and project downtime.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

- Dozers and excavators are critical equipment in our dredge program. If we do not have the DMRA's constructed in time, then we cannot dredge our channels and boat ramp areas which in turn limits the ability of boats to navigate at our lakes. Shallow water depths is one of the largest complaints we receive and any downtime to the program is met with numerous complaints and criticism from our boating community.
- The capital program has allowed for replacement of some of the construction program's heavy equipment over the last decade. The trucks and trailers requested in this budget are necessary to keep the construction program ready to haul the equipment to respond to the needs of Ohio's 76 state parks.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

N/A

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**1. List the project name and priority.**

Statewide Wildlife Facility Improvements

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

The Statewide Recreational Improvements initiative is a comprehensive, ongoing capital program led by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to enhance the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of recreational infrastructure across Ohio's public lands. This program supports the planning, design, and construction of improvements at state parks, forests, wildlife areas (WLA), and nature preserves. Projects under this initiative address both long-term infrastructure needs and emerging priorities. This project includes additional improvements at the Hebron Fish Hatchery. These efforts are part of ODNR's broader strategy to modernize recreational facilities, improve visitor experiences, and ensure the long-term resilience of Ohio's natural resources.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

This is already part of a phased improvements program and the associated funding is required to complete this phase.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical method.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

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**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Funding is managed adaptively, with allocations adjusted to meet emerging priorities across ODNR's extensive portfolio of over 76 state parks, over 150 wildlife areas, 150 natural preserves, and 24 state forests.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

In FY25/26 \$8,000,000 was provided for the first phase of improvements at the Hebron Fish Hatchery.

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ALI C725U9 Recreation Facilities, Capital Project 019**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Fairport Fisheries Unit Research Vessel Replacement

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This project is intended to replace the Research Vessel (R/V) Grandon used to assess Lake Erie fisheries by the Fairport Harbor Fisheries Unit. The proposed 55-65 ft. aluminum hull R/V would replace the 48 ft. steel hull R/V Grandon. The proposed construction would be a catamaran hull and include twin jet-drive engines for noise reduction, improved maneuverability and safety, and increased fuel efficiency. Like the R/V Grandon, it would include overnight accommodation for a crew of four.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

The R/V Grandon is 35 years old. The steel hull will soon require extensive repair for continued service due to hull rot as indicated by a 2020 hull inspection. It also has insufficient hydraulic lifting power for safely and properly handling 2,000-3,000 lbs. of trawling equipment. In addition, the winch system needs repaired, but parts are obsolete and the cost of winch replacement is estimated at \$100,000.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

Historical Costs.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

The estimated design and build cost is \$5.0M in 2025 based on similar vessels in the Great Lakes.

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

The project would begin in FY26 and be completed during FY27. Build time would be 12 to 18 months after planning, design and vendor selection is completed.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

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**New Capital Justification for Department of Natural Resources  
ALI C72514 CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND, Capital Project 001**

**1. List the project name and priority.**

Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grants

**2. Description: What is the purpose, dimension, components, capacity, and location of the project?**

This program is funded through the Clean Ohio Conservation Program which was approved by voters in November 2000 and 2008. Funds will be used for the continuation of local government grants through the Clean Ohio Trails Program authorized under Revised Code Section 1519.05.

**3. Project Phasing: Can the project be completed and funded in phases?**

Yes. Approximately half of the funds are awarded in each year of the fiscal biennium.

**4. Cost Estimate Methodology: What method is being used to estimate project costs?**

A total of 12.5% of the net proceeds of general obligations sold by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) are deposited into the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (ORC Sections 151.09(c) and 1519.05(b)). Appropriations are for Ohio political subdivisions and non-profit organizations for trail-related grants.

**5. Operating Cost Impact: What are the anticipated operating costs or savings associated with this project?**

Operating costs of approximately \$300,000/fiscal year are funded through the state operating bill, ALI 725405 (Clean Ohio Trail Operating).

**6. Additional Information: Is there anything else that is useful to know about this project?**

Grantee selection and grant awards are administered by ODNR. ODNR is advised by a Clean Ohio Trail Advisory Board, which selects those projects that further develop Ohio's recreational trail system. These trails are to link regional trail systems and urban areas with green spaces allowing bikers, joggers, hikers, horseback riders, and other users a safe place to enjoy the outdoors. Local governments, park and joint recreation districts, conservancy districts, soil and water conservation districts, and non-profit organizations are eligible to receive grants for conservation projects from the Clean Ohio Fund. Applicants must provide a 25% local match, which can include contributions of land, labor or materials.

**7. Special Project Information (Energy Efficiency, Life and Safety, Legally Mandated, ADA Funding, and/or Prior Funding):**

Legally Mandated