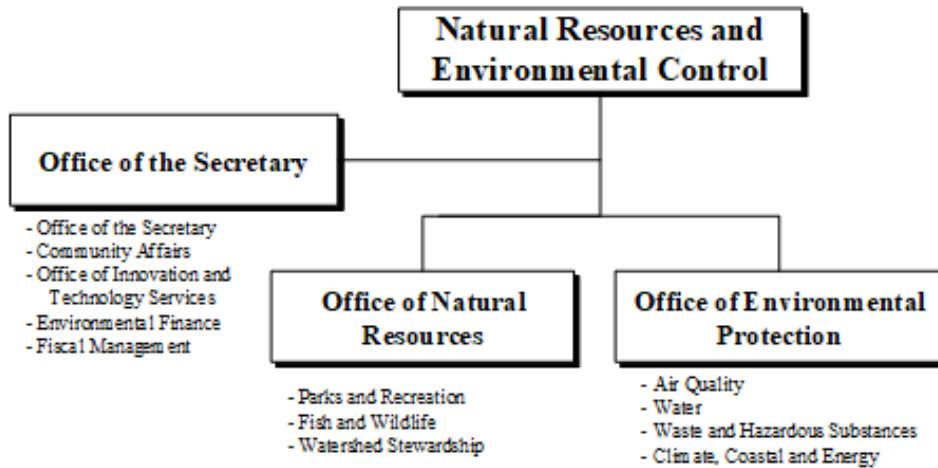
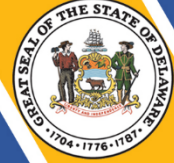


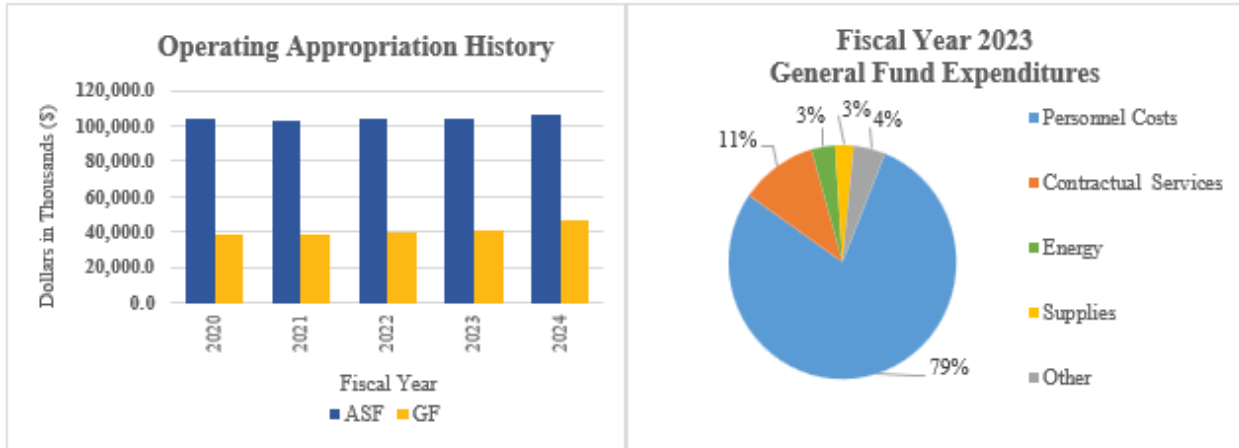
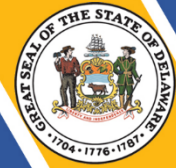
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At a Glance

- Manage 95,398 acres of land; 36 parks and wildlife areas; 34 nature preserves; 129 conservation easements; 104.3 miles of roads; 270.2 miles of trails; 710 buildings; 31 vehicular bridges; 174 pedestrian bridges; 11 air monitoring stations; 62 miles of shoreline; 45 state-owned dams; 2,008 miles of tax ditches; and 120 miles of waterways;
- Provide world-class parks and open spaces, recreational opportunities, and habitat and biodiversity protection;
- Conserve and manage Delaware's fish and wildlife and their habitats, and provide fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and boating access on 68,471 acres of public land;
- Ensure clean water, clean air, and safe, healthy communities;
- Ensure cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy, and prepare to adapt to climate impacts;
- Monitor and maintain the environment, employing practices and initiatives that support environmental justice; and
- Perform as a model, modern department.

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Overview

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is to engage all stakeholders to ensure the wise management, conservation, and enhancement of the State’s natural resources; protect public health and the environment focusing on environmental justice; provide quality outdoor recreation; improve the quality of life; lead energy policy and climate preparedness; and educate the public on historic, cultural and natural resource use, requirements and issues.

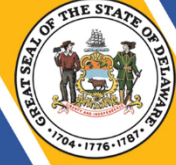
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Performance Measures

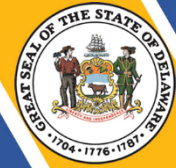
IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2024 Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Fiscal Year 2026 Governor’s Recommended
40-01-03	Community Affairs			
	# of operations conducted	1409	800	800
	# of public outreach/training sessions conducted – Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU)	29	30	30

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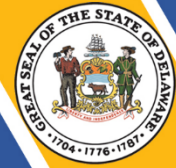
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	# of public outreach/training session conducted – Small Business Ombudsmen	16	20	20
	# of Small Business Ombudsman assistance efforts	35	40	40
	# of press/stakeholder events	59	50	50
	# of news releases	115	100	100
	% increase in @Delaware DNREC social media followers	NEW	NEW	10
	% increase in newsletter subscribers	NEW	NEW	3
	Average monthly visitors to Outdoor Delaware (online magazine)	NEW	NEW	5000
40-01-05	<i>Office of Innovation and Technology Services</i>			
	# of online transactions by the public with the department – using licensing/reporting/permitting systems	328,600	330,000	330,000
	# of pages of documents converted to electronic format	62,000	50,000	50,000
40-01-06	<i>Environmental Finance</i>			
	\$ of low interest loans and grants for wastewater projects (millions)	94	120	103
	\$ of low interest loans for eligible non-point source expanded use activities (millions)	1.4	1.5	1.5
	\$ of grants provided for planning and design projects (millions)	.56	.55	.55
	\$ of principal loan forgiveness awarded to help make projects affordable (millions)	8.1	7.3	7.3

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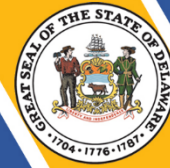
40-01-07	Fiscal Management			
	# of payable/receivable transactions processed	426,704	440,000	450,000
	# of funding proposals reviewed/submitted	100	90	90
	# of internal control and audit reviews completed	160	140	140
40-01-03	Environmental Justice Office			
	# community-based meetings and presentations	NEW	NEW	40
	# internal capacity building meetings/presentations/trainings	NEW	NEW	12
	# projects supported (technical assistance)	NEW	NEW	12
	# Community Assets Campaign points added	NEW	NEW	225
40-03-02	Parks and Recreation			
	# of park visitors	NEW	NEW	7,500,000
	% increase in park and facility revenues*	5.3	3.0	2.6
	# of volunteer hours	133,000	110,000	135,000
	# of camping nights	145,389	145,000	145,000
	% Of increase in cabin camping nights	-6.9	2.0	0.2
	# of land acquisitions and/or conservation easements that expand state park land protection	6	3	3
	# of students participating in school programs	19,701	20,000	24,000
	# of visitors to Brandywine Zoo	58,346	55,000	55,000
	% occupancy of wet slip and dry stack storage	100	90	90
	<i>*Impacted by new Epilogue language removing the authority for the Division to establish fees.</i>			

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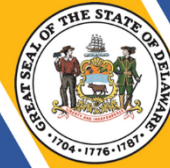
40-03-03	<i>Fish and Wildlife</i>			
	# of acres of actively managed wildlife habitats on public lands	10,000	10,000	10,000
	# of fisheries management plans complied with	28	28	28
	# of fishing access areas constructed, improved or maintained	59	59	60
	# of hunter education certifications	873	800	850
	# of open marsh water management acres treated	10	30	30
	% of nuisance-free nights (June-August)	65	75	75
	# of acres of degraded wetlands under the Northern Delaware Wetlands Rehabilitation program restored	5	5	5
	# of boating safety presentations delivered to the public	22	50	50
40-03-04	<i>Watershed Stewardship</i>			
	Conservation Programs			
	# of tax ditch organizations assisted	82	125	125
	# of Resource Conservation and Development Twenty-First Century Fund projects completed	111	125	125
	# of Drainage concerns resolved by Drainage Program	595	200	250
	# of tons of sediment removed from stormwater prior to discharge to waterways	500,473	350,000	350,000
	# of residential parcels with buried wood debris remediated	24	30	30
	# of acres of traditional cover crop planted in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	67,991	68,920	68,900

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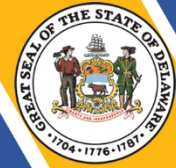
	# of Sediment and Stormwater Certified Construction Reviewers trained	186	250	250
	# of Sediment and Stormwater responsible persons certified	568	400	400
Shoreline and Waterway Management				
	# of navigation aids established and maintained in Inland Bays for boating public	190	190	190
	# of feet in width that designed beach is maintained on Atlantic- facing public beaches present for summer recreational use seaward of the designed dunes	100	100	100
	% of completed investigations concerning nuisance accumulations of macro algae in the Inland Bays	100	100	100
	# of dams' safety inspections conducted	38	37	38
Watershed Assessment and Management				
	# of new Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program reactions/reach/interactions on social media	Over 16,000	15,000	20,000
	# of surface water stations monitored	136	137	137
40-04-02	Air Quality			
	Planning			
	# of actions initiated to reduce emissions into Delaware due to transport	1	1	1
	Engineering and Compliance			
	# of compliance inspections conducted*	58	50	50
	# of registrations received	71	50	50
	#of natural minor permits issued	150	100	100

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# of synthetic minor permits issued	11	5	5
# of major source (Title V) permits issued	13	15	15
Area Sources			
# of open burning approvals issued	118	120	120
Air Monitoring and Air Monitoring Quality Assurance			
# of air monitoring sites	11	11	11
# of National Ambient Air Quality Standards Measured	26	27	27
# of deployed air quality monitors*	40	41	41
% of site visits performed*	97	95	95
% of data completeness for EPA Criteria Pollutants ⁽¹⁾ :			
Ozone (O ₃)	90	95	95
Particulate Matter (PM)	90	95	95
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0	75	95
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	95	95	95
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	98	95	95
# of audits for EPA Criteria Pollutants:			
Ozone (O ₃)	9	7	7
Particulate Matter (PM)	24	24	24
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1	1	1
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	7	5	5
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	1	2	2
# of exceedances for EPA Criteria Pollutant Standards:			
Ozone (O ₃)	3	0	0
Particulate Matter (PM)	3	0	0
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0	0	0
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0	0	0
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	0	0	0
<i>*Dependent on ability to increase program fees</i>			

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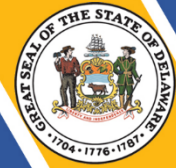
40-04-03	Water			
	Residential Services			
	% of alternative residential on-site treatment systems inspected for operational compliance*	80	75	75
	% of construction inspections for on-site wastewater systems that discharge: <2,500 gallons/day overseen by DNREC*	NEW	NEW	10
	% of Class H Residential Septic Inspections overseen by DNREC staff*	NEW	NEW	10
	% of statewide compliance inspections on holding tanks*	NEW	NEW	75
	% of Domestic Wells flagged for contaminant concerns reviewed by DNREC staff*	NEW	NEW	100
	% of Site Evaluations processed within 10 working days*	NEW	NEW	100
	% of Septic Permits processed within 20 working days*	NEW	NEW	100
	Commercial and Governmental Services			
	% of compliance inspections for on-site wastewater systems that discharge: <2,500 gallons per day to groundwater*	100	100	100
	% major individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted facilities inspected annually*	100	100	100
	% minor individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted facilities inspected annually*	NEW	NEW	50
	# of water allocation permits issued to reduce backlog of unpermitted projects*	14	25	50
	% of Allocation Water Use Reports reviewed for compliance within the year of submission*	NEW	NEW	60
	% of Public Well permit applications that have a pre-installation site inspection*	NEW	NEW	100
	% of public water systems with source water protection strategies substantially implemented*	95	95	95

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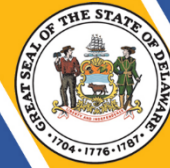
	Wetlands and Waterways			
	% requests for new shoreline stabilized with soil bioengineering and rip-rap versus bulkheading	95	95	95
	% of marinas with approved operations and maintenance plans	15	50	50
	% of structures/projects authorized during a fiscal year field checked for compliance*	35	90	90
	% of Statewide Activity Approvals (SAAs) processed within 30 working days*	NEW	NEW	95
	% of Subaqueous Permits processed within 120 working days*	NEW	NEW	80
	Resource Protection			
	% of completion of Groundwater Monitoring Network	NEW	NEW	85
	% of Division of Water Licensing Renewals Completed with 30 days upon receipt of a complete online application*	NEW	NEW	100
	Environmental Laboratory			
	% of sample results returned within the contracted timeframe	NEW	NEW	100
	<i>*Dependent on ability to increase program fees</i>			
40-04-04	Waste and Hazardous Substances			
	Remediation			
	# of Brownfields certified	25	30	25
	# of Certificates of Completion of Remedy issued (COCR)	32	25	25
	# of proposed and final remediation plans issued	51	40	40
	# of enforcement sites initiated	1	2	2
	% of LUST sites remediated:			
Regulated USTs	98	98	98	
Unregulated USTs	99	99	99	

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# of leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site cleaned up:			
Regulated underground Storage Tanks (UST) Unregulated USTs	8 55	15 50	15 45
# of new UST releases identified:			
Regulated USTs	8	20	10
Unregulated USTs	27	45	30
# of new aboveground storage tank (AST) releases identified	0	4	2
# of total hazardous waste sites with remedy selected	10	11	11
# of total hazardous waste sites with construction completion	9	10	10
# of total hazardous waste sites that met cleanup goals	8	8	8
# of long-term stewardship inspection	251	251	251
Compliance and Permitting			
# of UST facilities in compliance following inspection activities	131	90	90
# of inspections conducted at UST facilities	141	135	135
# of tons of scrap tires cleaned up	616	150	150
% of municipal solid waste recycled	37.5	40	40
% of facilities assessed returning to compliance within 180 days	98.7	100	100
# of tons of waste properly managed under permits	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Emergency Response and Strategic Services			
# of boiler and pressure vessel inspections at uninsured facilities	1422	1400	1400
# of emergency responses to incidents	308	375	375
# of Accidental Release program inspections	39	35	35
% of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act electronic reporting	100	100	100

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	# of Tier II facility reports submitted and processed	2735	2700	2700
40-04-05	<i>Climate, Coastal and Energy</i>			
	# of coastal decision maker workshops hosted by Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve (DNERR)	5	6	5
	# of school children attending DNERR education programs	1,454	1,200	1,200
	# MW reduced through the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund	25,567	40,000	40,000
	# of Homes weatherized through the Weatherization Assistance Program	270	400	400
	# of Solar Capacity added through the Green Energy Fund (MW)	7.1	6.0	6.0
	# of climate resilience training events delivered by the Coastal Training Program	2	3	3
	# of research or monitoring projects supported	13	10	10
	# of comprehensive plans and ordinances reviewed through Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)	24	30	20
	# of participants in climate and sustainability education and outreach events	712	250	750
	# of CO2 avoided by Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funded projects per year (tons)	141,085	200,000	150,000