



FY2024 Green Budget Priorities

Protecting the Commonwealth's land, water, air, and other vulnerable natural resources while supporting healthy communities and meeting our climate goals requires state agencies that are well-resourced and well-staffed. The Green Budget Coalition advocates for robust, sustainable state funding for energy and environmental affairs to meet the scope and scale of our climate, conservation, and adaptation challenges.

Support Gov budget (H.1) funding recommendations:

EOEEA Agencies (2000-0100, 2000-0101, 2000-0102):

Implementation of the 2021 Roadmap to Net Zero law and the 2025/2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan will require significant investment in the state agencies responsible for facilitating the state's climate response and clean energy transition. Proposed improvements in H.1 include the establishment of a federal and regional leadership office and hiring of 14 new environmental justice coordinators to execute on equitable coordinated climate action.

EEA Admin (2000-0100): \$18,172,987

Climate Adaptation and Preparedness (2000-0101): \$10,003,414

Environmental Justice (2000-0102): \$8,804,284

DCR State Parks and Rec (2810-0100): \$107,632,351

H.1 proposes a \$22M increase to address ongoing staffing and maintenance shortfalls, persistent underfunding of DCR programs, and implementation of the recommendations of the DCR Special Commission. In particular, the ongoing need to support partnerships to fully meet DCR service goals has been identified.

DPU Administration (2100-0012): \$19,781,167

H.1 proposes a \$1.6M increase to support increased hiring of staff to meet new and ongoing climate and clean energy obligations required of DPU in statute, particularly within the Electric Power Division and to support agency-level environmental justice work.

DEP Administration (2200-0100): \$51,969,763

Massachusetts is experiencing increasing and intersecting threats to its water supply and vulnerable natural resources. This funding will also support hiring over 50 new DEP for critical work including PFAS testing and mitigation, inspection and compliance, and incorporating climate preparedness in permitting.

Increase funding over H.1:

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species (2310-0300): \$1,500,000 (\$500,000 increase over FY23)

The Coalition recommends a \$500K increase to support increased demand for services as well as the continuing rollout of BioMap3 and increased regional support. H.1 proposed a ~\$300K increase.

Division of Ecological Restoration (2300-0101): \$4,300,000 (level funding with FY23)

DER operates popular and successful restoration programs with over 100 active projects across the Commonwealth and a significant backlog of project applications. H.1 proposes a \$500K cut to this line item which would undermine the multiyear progress made toward increasing the capacity of DER to meet local demand for project support.