
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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State Park Operations and Maintenance — EFF

Purpose and History

The State park system began in 1920 with the dedication of Backbone State Park. The State parks are administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and include 56,000 acres. Beginning in 2004, the General Assembly appropriated funds from the Environment First Fund (EFF) for the following expenditures at State parks:

- Seasonal staff that provides numerous activities at State parks during peak seasons. This includes mowing the grass, cleaning buildings, providing educational programs, eradicating invasive species, and other duties.
- Facility maintenance for existing buildings, including preventive maintenance and the purchase of supplies related to the maintenance. This can be for cabins, picnic shelters, and other buildings.
- Equipment replacement of tractors, lawn mowers, trailers, and other utility vehicles. Funding can also be used to repair equipment for State park operations.
- Refilling critical vacancies in State parks that have a high volume of visitors.

Funding

Funding for State Park Operations and Maintenance is from the EFF and varies from year to year. The DNR also receives an appropriation for State park infrastructure from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. The DNR also received an additional appropriation of \$1.0 million in FY 2022.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Administrative Code [571—61](#), [571—67](#)

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More Information

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