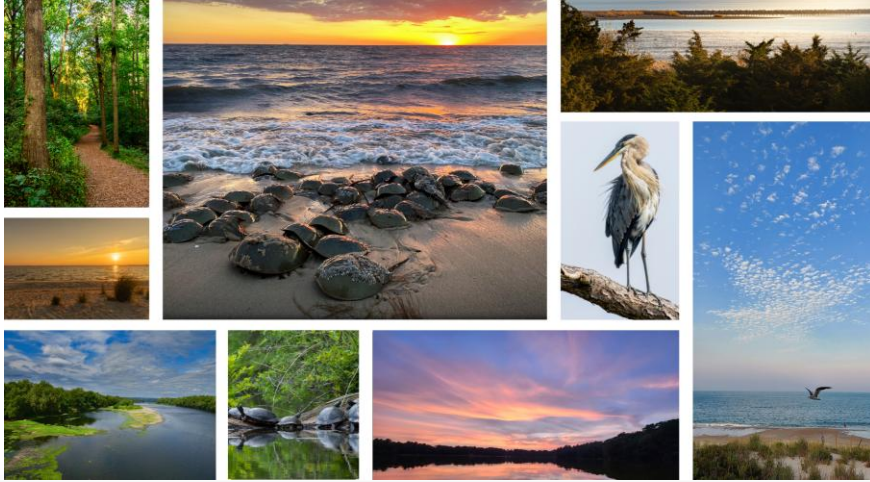


DNREC FY27 Bond Bill



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Who We Are & What We Do

Office of the Secretary

- Natural Resources Police
- Office of Environmental Justice
- Office of Budget & Finance
- Office of Communications
- Office of Administrative Services
- Office of Business Services
- Office of Human Resources



Fish & Wildlife

- 19 Wildlife Areas
- 60 Boat Ramps
- Boat Registration and Boating Safety
- Delaware Bayshore
- Fisheries and Wildlife Management
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Mosquito Control



Parks & Recreation

- 17 State Parks
- 20 Vendors and Concessionaires
- Camping, Cottages and Cabins
- 8 Million Annual Visitors
- Outstanding Volunteer Support
- Two-time Award-Winning Gold Medal Park System



Watershed Stewardship

- Beach Preservation
- Dam Safety
- Drainage, Dredging
- Tax Ditches
- Water Quality in 45 Watersheds
- Wetlands
- Waterway Marking



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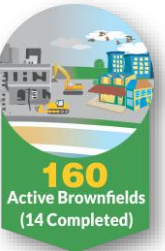





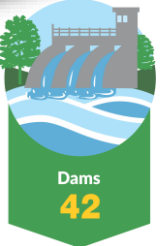
Who We Are & What We Do

Climate, Coastal & Energy	Air Quality	Water	Waste & Hazardous Substances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Sustainability • Coastal Zone • Energy Efficiency and Renewables • Federal Consistency for Coastal Projects • Research: Blackbird Creek and St. Jones Reserves • Weatherization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Permits • Air Monitoring • Vehicle Emissions • Emissions Inventory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dock and Subaqueous Permits • Environmental Lab • Septic Permits • Wastewater Treatment Systems • Well Permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler Safety • Emergency Response • Recycling • Site Remediation, including Brownfields • Solid Waste Permits • Storage Tanks 



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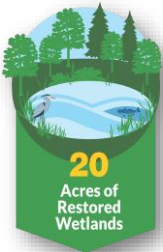
What Bond Bill Supports

 <p>Acres of Land DNREC Manages 95,398</p>	 <p>Miles of Tax Ditch 2,000</p>	 <p>DNREC Buildings 710</p>	 <p>160 Active Brownfields (14 Completed)</p>	 <p>Miles of Waterways 130</p>	 <p>Conservation Easements 125</p>
 <p>Miles of Roads 104</p>	 <p>Miles of Shoreline 62</p>		 <p>Dams 42</p>	 <p>11 Air Quality Monitoring Stations</p>	



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FY27 Bond Bill Requests

Capital Projects	FY26	FY27 GRB
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$ 7,634,400	\$ 5,700,000
Shoreline and Waterway Management	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
Park Facility Rehab and Public Recreational Infrastructure	\$ 13,276,277	\$ 7,000,000
Resource Conservation and Development	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Minor Capital Improvements and Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Conservation Cost Share	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,700,000
Tax Ditches	\$ 2,148,700	\$ 1,600,000
Debris Pits	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Dikes/Dams	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000



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Capital Projects	FY26	FY27 GRB
Statewide Trails and Pathways	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Delaware Bayshore Initiative	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Network	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000
Redevelopment of Strategic Sites (Fort DuPont)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Community Air Quality Monitoring	\$ 250,000	\$ -
Brownfields	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -
Total State Capital Funds	\$ 59,284,377	\$ 38,625,000



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Status: Killens Pond Water Park



- Old pool built in 1997
- Concrete failure, leaks, damage
- Emergency repairs in 2023



- New pool is 44% larger (14,520 sq. ft.)
- Two water features
- Pump and filter room renovations

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Status: Debris Pits

- FY26
 - 15 properties remediated
 - 20 shovel-ready
 - 2 contractors working on remediation
 - 1 contractor doing investigations, emergency response, and small remediation projects
- After current scheduled projects, 61 remain on the list

Chestnut Valley Development, Newark



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Status: Brownfields

- 160 active sites
- Reimbursement requests exceeding resources
- FY25: \$4.3 million revenue, \$2 million reallocated
 - Reimbursements stopped April 2025
- FY26: \$4.5 million projected revenue, \$3 million bond bill
 - Reimbursements stopped March 2026
- FY27: \$1 million of FY26 projects will require reimbursement
- University of Delaware study:
 - For every \$1 invested, Delaware's economy benefits by \$19.30



Kirkwood Hwy. at Meadowood Dr.

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Update: Clean Water Trust

- Clean Water Initiative for Underserved Communities
 - First community project complete
 - Two more nearing completion
 - 6 manufactured home community projects in design
- Septic grants
 - 62 awarded since 2023
- Water Infrastructure Assessment for Manufactured Home Communities

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Status: Environmental Lab

- ARPA funds: \$27.3 million
- Bond Bill funds: \$2.8 million (outfitting, other costs)
- Enhanced capabilities to assess emerging contaminants
 - Microplastics, PFAS and more
 - Surface/ground water, soil, sediment
- Wastewater monitoring, early detection of public health concerns
 - Greater testing capacity

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Challenge: Park Facility Rehab and Public Recreation Infrastructure

- Anticipated projects planned for FY27:
 - Trap Pond campground septic
 - White Clay Creek master plan
 - Killens Pond boat ramp
 - Little Creek construction (multi-year)
- Total State Parks capital needs: \$394 million
- Deferred parks maintenance: \$58 million
- Total Fish & Wildlife needs: \$87 million



Mt. Pleasant School House, Bellevue State Park

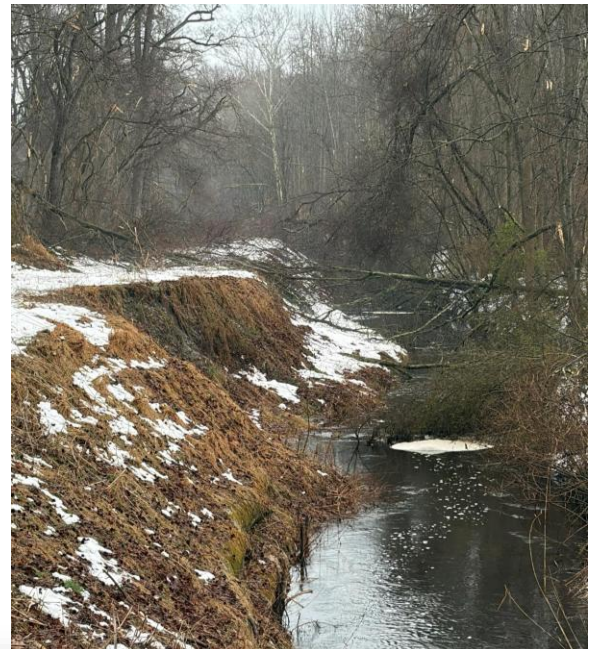
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Challenge: Tax Ditches

- 234 Tax Ditch Organizations
 - 2,000 miles of ditches
 - Benefit 100,000 residents
- Bond Bill funding
 - Technical support
 - Supplemental maintenance
- Winter storm damage
 - 1,079 miles in Kent and Sussex
 - Clean-up resources



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Epilogue Updates

- Delaware City air monitoring
 - Clean Air Council project
 - Two sites within 3 miles of refinery
- Atlas Point study and recommendations
 - Community survey and input
 - Multiple cost options for sensors
 - Community engagement, particulate sensors
- Auburn Valley transition report
 - Amend language with path to end DNREC land use authority
 - 500+ acres preserved, 28 acres developed



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Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

- A partnership with the county Conservation Districts
- FY 26: 113 projects completed
 - \$5.9 million expended
- 1,429 active projects
 - Total cost: \$141 million
- 81 projects proposed for authorization in FY 27
 - Total cost: \$7.5 million



*River Road/Clark Drainage Project
Sussex County*

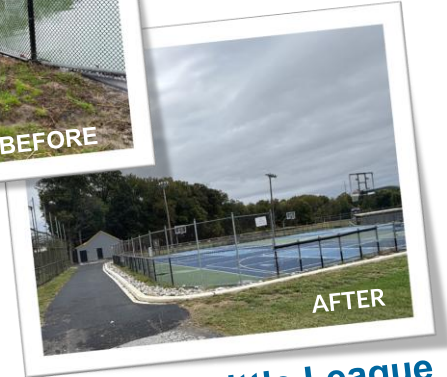
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Crystal Run Farms

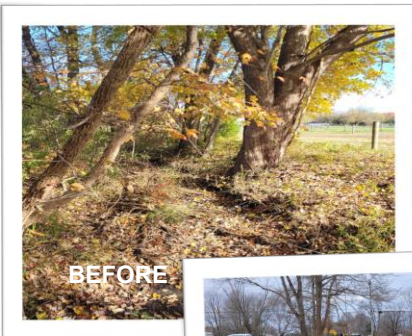


Pike Creek Little League & Western YMCA



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Pearsons Corner Rd. (Simpers)



Old Rauetmack/Malone Drainage Project



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Little Creek Maintenance Shop



Questions & Discussion

