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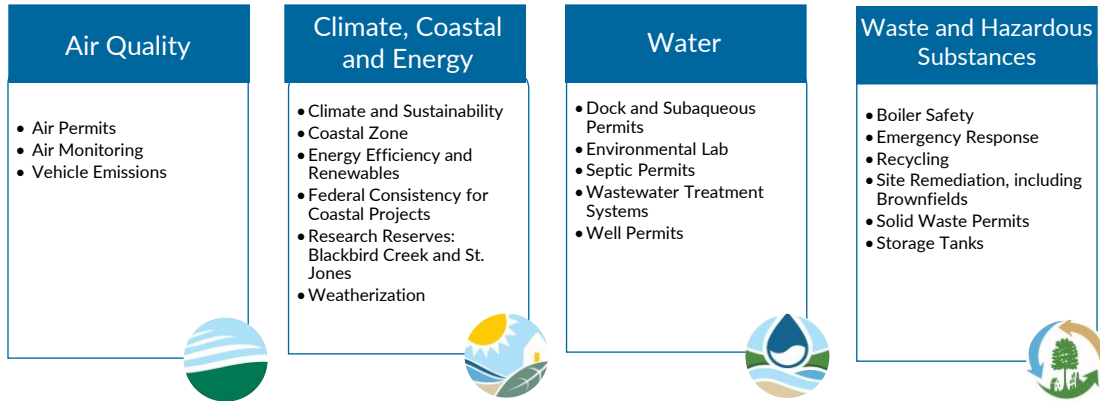
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FY26 Bond Bill Requests

Delaware Bayshore Initiative	\$	500,000
Minor Capital Improvements and Equipment	\$	1,000,000
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$	7,634,400
Park Facility Rehabilitation and Public Recreational Infrastructure	\$	12,500,000
Redevelopment of Strategic Sites (Fort Dupont)	\$	3,000,000
Statewide Trails and Pathways	\$	3,000,000
Conservation Cost Share	\$	3,200,000

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FY26 Bond Bill Requests

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$	25,000
Debris Pits	\$	1,000,000
Dikes/Dam	\$	1,000,000
Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)	\$	5,000,000
Shoreline and Waterway Management	\$	10,000,000
Tax Ditches	\$	2,148,700
Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Network	\$	250,000
Total	\$	50,258,100

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Parks Rehab/Public Recreation - \$12.5M



- No line-item capital projects recommended FY26
- Parks Rehab/Public Recreation is used for capital projects in both state parks and state wildlife areas
- Current capital plans:
 - State Parks - \$296 million
 - Wildlife Areas - \$98 million

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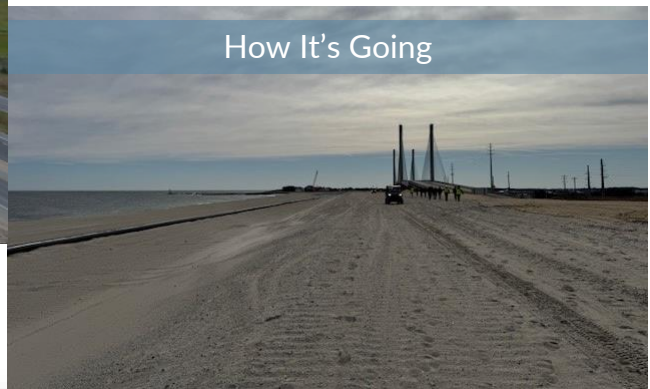
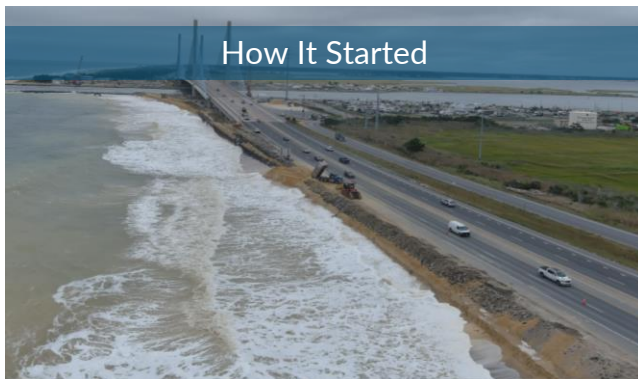
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Indian River Inlet Replenishment



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Shoreline and Waterway - \$10M

Ocean Beaches

- Two large nourishment projects scheduled for FY26:
 - Dewey Beach
 - Rehoboth Beach
- Anticipated start fall 2025, finished by spring 2026

Bay Beaches

- Bay beach nourishment using dredged material from Delaware River channel
- Design phase agreement signed July 30, 2024
- Corps will design projects for 6 bay communities: Pickering, Kitts Hummock, Bowers, South Bowers, Slaughter Beach, Broadkill
- \$62 million total funding (90/10 fed/state share) will not cover nourishment for all 6 communities
- Anticipated start January 2026

Back Bay Study

- Coastal Storm Risk Management Study of the Delaware Inland Bays and Delaware Bay Coast will explore problems from storms and flood risk reduction solutions
- Study in partnership with Corps has been restarted
- \$150,000 state funding transferred to Corps in February to continue

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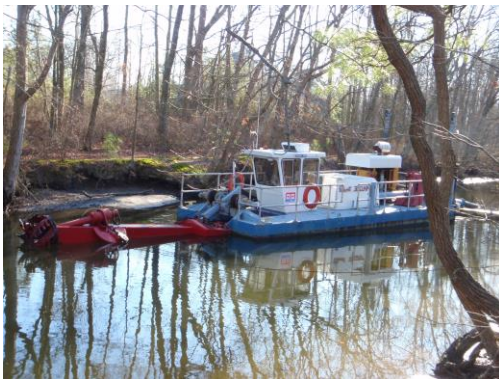
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Shoreline and Waterway - \$10M



Dredging

- Completed Phase II of Assawoman Canal July 2024
- Continued dredging of shoals in Indian River near Millsboro, use of sediment on degraded tidal marsh
- Lewes & Rehoboth Canal dredging October 2025
- Indian River dredging/beneficial use fall 2026
- Little River dredging/beneficial use fall 2026
- Creating statewide comprehensive dredged material management plan: needs, disposal, beneficial uses for next 20 years

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Debris Pits - \$1M

- FY24: 21 properties remediated, 1138 tons of debris and 1450 tons of soil/mud, average \$52K per property
- FY25: 6 properties remediated so far, with 22 scheduled – second contractor added
- Example: Harmony Woods remediation, removed 106 tons of debris from two properties
- After current scheduled properties, 89 properties on list



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Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) - \$5M



- 101 drainage projects completed so far in FY25 (68 NCC, 15 Kent, 18 Sussex)
- 57 projects currently proposed to be added to authorized list (39 NCC, 4 Kent, 14 Sussex)
- 1,414 projects on authorized list with additions, would require \$98 million state funding

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McKee Road Kent County Drainage Project

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Walston Walk Sussex County Drainage Project

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Oak Ridge New Castle County Drainage Project

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Independence School Stream Restoration New Castle County Drainage Project

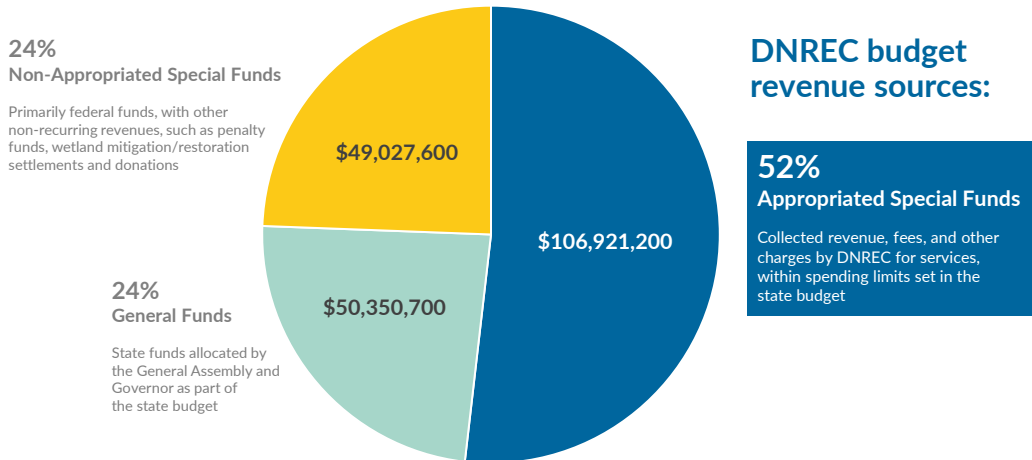
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DNREC Fee Adjustments Proposal



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DNREC Fee Adjustments Proposal

Why fees have not kept pace with personnel and program costs:

- Salary increases for positions that are not funded by the General Fund.
- Investments in technology and equipment
- New issues to address (climate impacts, emerging contaminants, support for underserved and overburdened communities)
- Interagency charges for HR and IT services that have been added in recent years and increased

In 2024, DNREC proposed 155 fee changes in Water, Air, Watershed and Waste:

- 101 increases
- 45 new fees
- 9 decreases

Prior proposed fee adjustments are being discussed with stakeholders who pay them – those conversations will determine the fee package submitted to the General Assembly

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