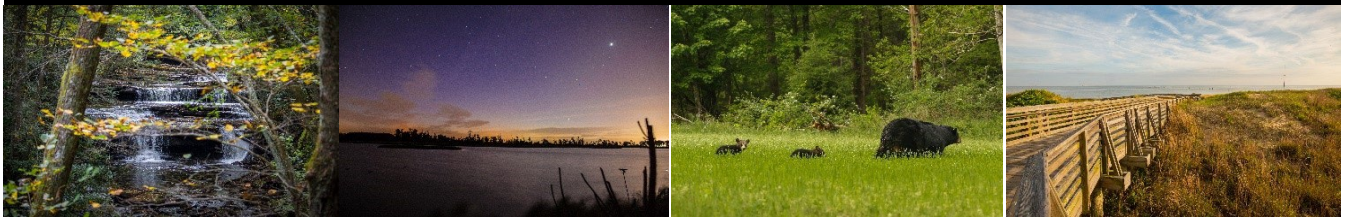


Office of Natural and Historic Resources

Travis Voyles, Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources



The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources advises the Governor on natural resources issues and works to advance the Governor's top environmental priorities. The Secretary oversees five agencies that protect and restore the Commonwealth's natural and historic resources. The Secretary's office and all of the natural and historic resources agencies work together to uphold the provisions of Article XI of the Virginia Constitution.

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Operating Summary for Office of Natural and Historic Resources (Dollars in Millions)

Funds	FY 2023 Approp	FY 2023 Changes	FY 2023 Total	FY 2024 Approp	FY 2024 Changes	FY 2024 Total
Total	\$967.46	\$215.39	\$1,182.85	\$571.57	\$399.48	\$971.05
General	\$557.70	\$214.50	\$772.20	\$187.46	\$394.22	\$581.69
Special	\$59.27	\$0.00	\$59.27	\$59.27	\$0.00	\$59.27
Commonwealth Transportation	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00	\$0.52
Enterprise	\$13.54	\$0.00	\$13.54	\$13.54	\$0.00	\$13.54
Trust and Agency	\$38.54	(\$0.17)	\$38.37	\$38.54	(\$0.17)	\$38.37
Dedicated Special	\$233.45	\$1.06	\$234.51	\$207.80	\$2.26	\$210.06
Federal	\$64.43	\$0.00	\$64.43	\$64.43	\$3.16	\$67.59

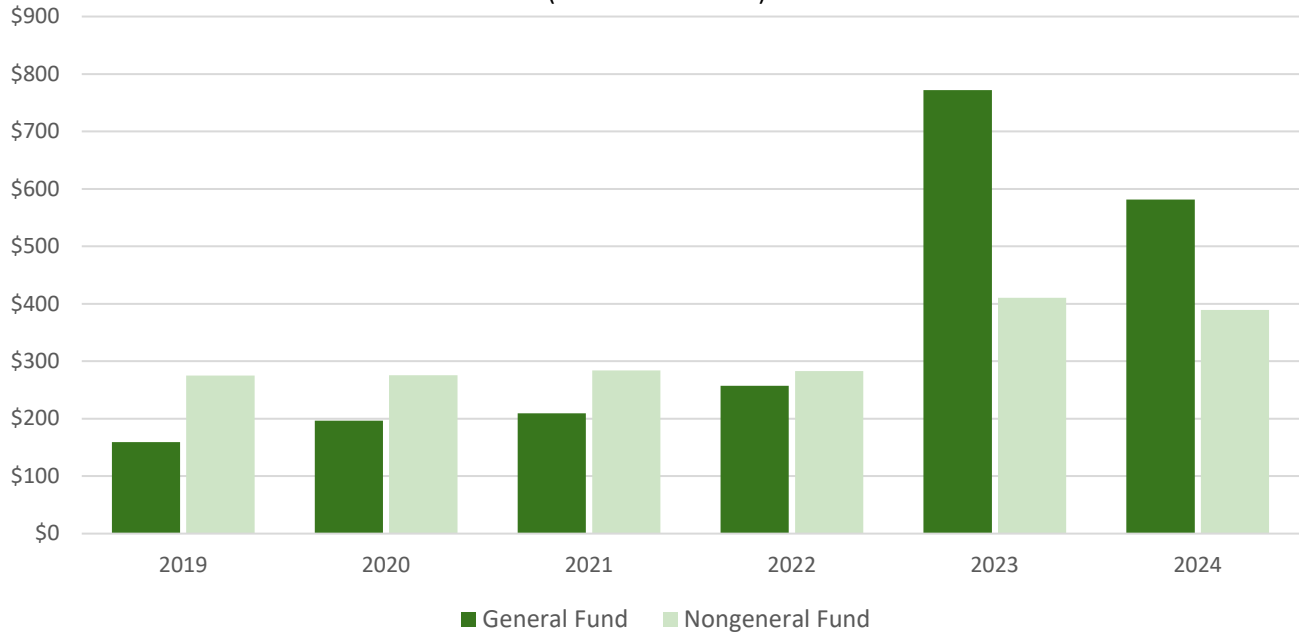
Authorized Positions for Office of Natural and Historic Resources

Total	2,233.50	1.00	2,234.50	2,230.50	6.00	2,236.50
General Fund	1,075.50	1.00	1,076.50	1,081.50	7.00	1,088.50
Nongeneral Fund	1,158.00	0.00	1,158.00	1,149.00	-1.00	1,148.00

Operating Budget History

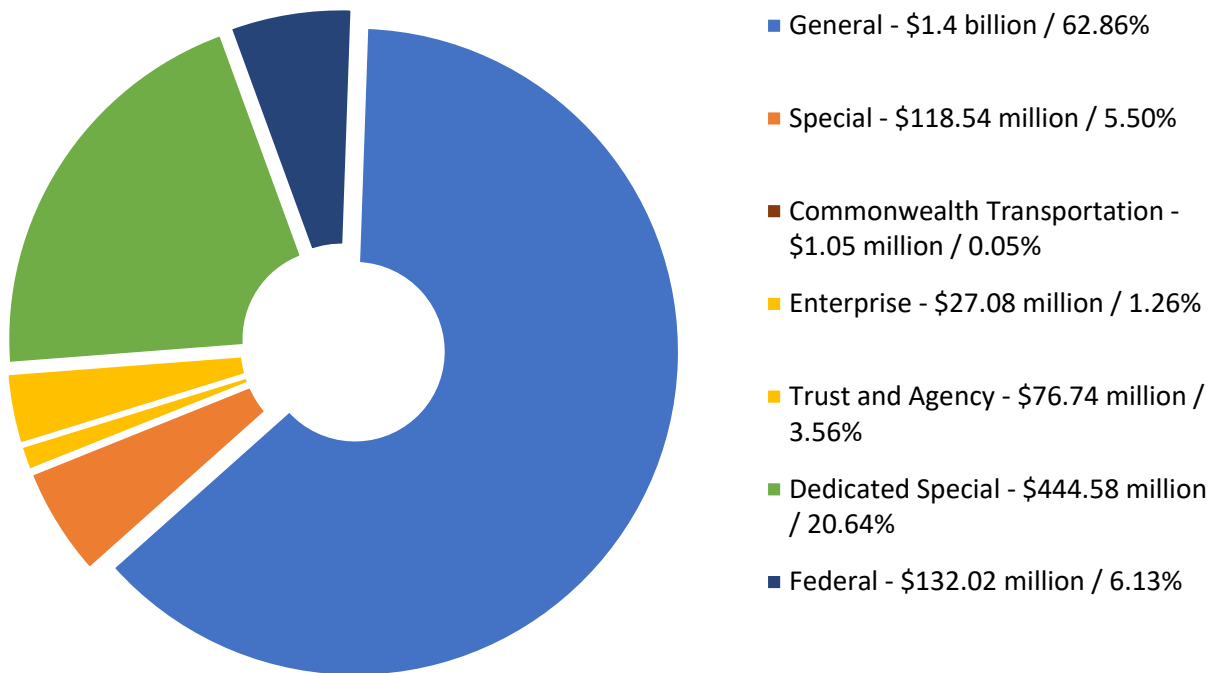
Office of Natural and Historic Resources

(Dollars in Millions)



2022-2024 Biennium Total Proposed Operating Budget

Office of Natural and Historic Resources



Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$609,254	\$102,699	\$668,722	5.00	0.00	5.00
2020 Appropriation	\$609,254	\$102,699	\$668,722	5.00	0.00	5.00
2021 Appropriation	\$640,939	\$107,492	\$676,516	5.00	0.00	5.00
2022 Appropriation	\$640,939	\$107,492	\$676,516	5.00	0.00	5.00
2023 Appropriation	\$669,542	\$113,698	\$697,590	5.00	0.00	5.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Total	\$1,169,542	\$113,698	\$697,590	5.00	0.00	5.00
2024 Appropriation	\$669,542	\$113,698	\$697,590	5.00	0.00	5.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024 Total	\$1,169,542	\$113,698	\$697,590	5.00	0.00	5.00

Operating Budget Changes

[Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes](#)

Fund strategies to implement flood resilience

Provides appropriation in both years to develop strategies and policies for implementing flood resilience across the Commonwealth.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Operating Budget Summary				Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$79,394,004	\$55,161,596	\$52,279,943	416.50	42.50	459.00
2020 Appropriation	\$134,961,754	\$55,046,852	\$52,308,040	420.50	44.50	465.00
2021 Appropriation	\$133,055,585	\$57,858,814	\$52,445,325	435.50	46.50	482.00
2022 Appropriation	\$152,531,045	\$58,058,814	\$53,596,197	443.50	46.50	490.00
2023 Appropriation	\$431,138,368	\$172,452,771	\$60,355,180	474.50	49.50	524.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$100,000,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Total	\$531,138,368	\$172,452,771	\$60,355,180	474.50	49.50	524.00
2024 Appropriation	\$92,076,890	\$146,799,665	\$60,651,200	480.50	40.50	521.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$238,585,858	\$490,350	\$1,518,811	6.00	-1.00	5.00
2024 Total	\$330,662,748	\$147,290,015	\$62,170,011	486.50	39.50	526.00

Capital Outlay Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Bond Proceeds	Capital Outlay Total
2023 Appropriation	\$141,071,350	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$142,571,350
2023 Intro Changes	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
2023 Total	\$144,071,350	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$145,571,350
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Address compression among law enforcement personnel

Provides additional funding to address compression issues across the agency's law enforcement positions.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$358,675

Fund soil and water conservation positions previously supported by federal grants

Provides general fund appropriation to support positions previously funded through federal grants.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$400,823

Increase support for dam safety regional engineers

Provides nongeneral fund appropriation and positions for dam safety regional engineers funded through the National Dam Safety Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

	2023	2024
Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$490,350
Authorized Positions	0.00	3.00

Provide additional funding for the Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund

Increases appropriation for the Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund, which provides loans or grants to local governments to finance or refinance the cost of resilience projects. Funding in the second year is contingent upon actual general fund revenue collections for fiscal year 2023 being equal to or in excess of the official fiscal year 2023 revenue estimate.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000

Provide appropriation to the Water Quality Improvement Fund

Appropriates funding associated with 2022 excess general fund revenue collections and discretionary year-end general fund balances required for deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$87,113,924
GF Resources	\$0	\$87,113,924

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Provide free admission to Virginia State Parks for the Virginia National Guard

Appropriates general fund dollars to address revenue loss associated with providing free admission to the state parks for members of the Virginia National Guard.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$20,000

Provide supplemental funding to support agriculture best management practices

Allocates a supplemental deposit to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund to support agriculture best management practices.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$50,000,000

Support for Hayfields State Park operations

Provides appropriation to support the operations of the new Hayfields State Park.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$692,436
Authorized Positions	0.00	2.00

Amend budget language regarding the acquisition of Hayfields Farm

Updates budget language to incorporate an in-holding into the initial land transfer to maximize operational efficiency.

Increase flexibility of use of water quality funding

Amends Appropriation Act language to authorize the use of water quality funding toward municipal separate storm sewer system localities.

Capital Outlay Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Replace underground storage tanks - Phase I

Provides appropriation for Phase I replacement of underground storage tanks.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$3,000,000	\$0

Reprogram capital appropriation provided for soil and water conservation district dam projects

Authorizes the shift of capital appropriation for soil and water conservation district dam repairs to operating appropriation to be deposited to the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund.

Department of Environmental Quality

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost
2019 Appropriation	\$60,361,783	\$139,960,369	\$82,982,815
2020 Appropriation	\$40,901,658	\$139,960,369	\$83,566,890
2021 Appropriation	\$42,863,491	\$141,856,299	\$84,240,449
2022 Appropriation	\$81,437,752	\$141,856,299	\$96,954,989
2023 Appropriation	\$67,826,042	\$149,785,826	\$100,195,605
2023 Intro Changes	\$109,000,000	\$890,602	(\$1,060,154)
2023 Total	\$176,826,042	\$150,676,428	\$99,135,451
2024 Appropriation	\$66,896,002	\$149,785,826	\$100,195,605
2024 Intro Changes	\$152,974,047	\$890,602	(\$1,060,154)
2024 Total	\$219,870,049	\$150,676,428	\$99,135,451

Authorized Position Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	408.50	564.50	973.00
2020 Appropriation	413.50	564.50	978.00
2021 Appropriation	413.50	564.50	978.00
2022 Appropriation	416.50	564.50	981.00
2023 Appropriation	416.50	564.50	981.00
2023 Intro Changes	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Total	416.50	564.50	981.00
2024 Appropriation	416.50	564.50	981.00
2024 Intro Changes	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024 Total	416.50	564.50	981.00

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Technical Changes

Align nongeneral fund appropriation with projected expenditures

Aligns nongeneral fund appropriation with anticipated expenditures in a variety of programs.

	2023	2024
Nongeneral Fund	\$890,602	\$890,602

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Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Support the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty program

Appropriates a portion of the mandatory deposit associated with 2022 excess general fund revenue collections and discretionary year-end general fund balances required for deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Funds will support the reimbursement of entities as provided for in the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program. An additional \$107.1 million and \$86.1 million are provided from the general fund and from distributions of the federal State and Local Recovery Fund pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, respectively.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$43,915,388
GF Resources	\$0	\$43,915,388

Implement the Permit Evaluation and Enhancement Program (PEEP)

Provides general fund support to implement public-facing online resources to convey and track critical permitting steps from applicants and other agencies, and to allow the department to partner with a locality to integrate the new tool.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$3,500,000	\$0

Update agency administration software

Provides funding to upgrade finance and human resources systems to avoid security risks.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$2,000,000

Provide additional funding for the Richmond Combined Sewer Overflow project

Provides general fund appropriation for the City of Richmond's Combined Sewer Overflow project.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$100,000,000	\$0

Provide additional funding for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program

Provides funding for reimbursement of entities as listed in § 62.1-44.19:14, Code of Virginia, which establishes the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program. An additional \$43.9 million is provided from the mandatory deposit associated with 2022 excess general fund revenue collections and discretionary year-end general fund balances. An additional \$86.1 million is also provided from distributions of the federal State and Local Recovery Fund, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$107,058,659

Support upgrades at Poor Creek Pump Station

Provides general fund support for water and wastewater upgrades at Poor Creek Pump Station.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$5,500,000	\$0

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Department of Wildlife Resources

Operating Budget Summary				Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$0	\$63,831,765	\$38,243,753	0.00	496.00	496.00
2020 Appropriation	\$0	\$64,761,765	\$38,886,020	0.00	496.00	496.00
2021 Appropriation	\$0	\$67,952,102	\$41,071,258	0.00	496.00	496.00
2022 Appropriation	\$0	\$66,841,461	\$41,071,258	0.00	496.00	496.00
2023 Appropriation	\$200,000	\$70,783,646	\$41,371,258	2.00	496.00	498.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Total	\$200,000	\$70,783,646	\$41,371,258	2.00	496.00	498.00
2024 Appropriation	\$200,000	\$70,783,646	\$41,371,258	2.00	496.00	498.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$3,873,944	\$1,200,000	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024 Total	\$200,000	\$74,657,590	\$42,571,258	2.00	496.00	498.00

Capital Outlay Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Bond Proceeds	Capital Outlay Total
2023 Appropriation	\$0	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$10,750,000
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023 Total	\$0	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$10,750,000
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$10,750,000
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 Total	\$0	\$10,750,000	\$0	\$10,750,000

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Address salary compression among law enforcement positions

Provides appropriation for the agency to address compression issues in its law enforcement positions. Increased funding from the sales tax on hunting and fishing equipment is the fund source. An adjustment to Part 3 of the Act increases the transfer of these funds to the Game Protection Fund.

	2023	2024
Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$1,200,000
GF Resources	\$0	(\$1,200,000)

Adjust federal appropriation with increase in annual apportionment for wildlife restoration program

Aligns federal appropriation to anticipated wildlife restoration expenditures.

	2023	2024
Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$2,673,944

Capital Outlay Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Expand authorization for dam safety funding

Modifies language to expand the scope of an authorized capital project to include dams classified as having "significant hazard" status

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Department of Historic Resources

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$4,672,030	\$3,278,350	\$4,643,691	27.00	19.00	46.00
2020 Appropriation	\$4,859,300	\$3,178,350	\$4,536,683	27.00	19.00	46.00
2021 Appropriation	\$16,654,432	\$3,243,824	\$4,983,184	29.50	19.00	48.50
2022 Appropriation	\$6,299,178	\$3,243,824	\$5,335,221	33.00	19.00	52.00
2023 Appropriation	\$36,310,796	\$3,614,068	\$5,810,377	35.00	19.00	54.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	1.00	0.00	1.00
2023 Total	\$41,310,796	\$3,614,068	\$5,810,377	36.00	19.00	55.00
2024 Appropriation	\$10,587,956	\$3,614,068	\$5,810,377	35.00	19.00	54.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000	1.00	0.00	1.00
2024 Total	\$10,762,956	\$3,614,068	\$5,985,377	36.00	19.00	55.00

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Increase appropriation for one Deputy Director of Programs

Provides funding and a position for a Deputy Director of Programs to provide senior subject matter expertise in preservation and consistent leadership and oversight of the state and federal preservation programs administered by the agency.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$175,000
Authorized Positions	1.00	1.00

Increase funding for the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Preservation Fund (BIPOC)

Provides additional one-time funding for the program, and amends language in the budget to allow for the award of grants to historic sites consistent with the Code section establishing the program.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0

Marine Resources Commission

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$14,237,535	\$12,539,413	\$12,928,790	135.50	28.00	163.50
2020 Appropriation	\$15,454,598	\$12,539,413	\$12,928,790	135.50	28.00	163.50
2021 Appropriation	\$16,070,313	\$13,160,364	\$14,109,563	138.50	31.00	169.50
2022 Appropriation	\$16,181,245	\$13,045,064	\$14,183,151	138.50	31.00	169.50
2023 Appropriation	\$21,558,834	\$13,005,787	\$16,564,724	142.50	29.00	171.50
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023 Total	\$21,558,834	\$13,005,787	\$16,564,724	142.50	29.00	171.50
2024 Appropriation	\$17,033,534	\$13,005,787	\$16,564,724	142.50	29.00	171.50
2024 Intro Changes	\$1,989,925	\$0	\$1,764,925	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024 Total	\$19,023,459	\$13,005,787	\$18,329,649	142.50	29.00	171.50

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Technical Changes

Complete transfer of shellfish management amounts to a dedicated service area

Completes transfer of amounts to service area created in the last session and clears out positions from a budgetary code.

Part B: 2023 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2022-2024 Biennium

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Provide funding to address salary compression in law enforcement

Provides general fund appropriation to address salary compression in law enforcement.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$1,764,925

Update benchmark stock assessment for the Chesapeake Bay blue crab

Provides general fund support to partially meet the cost of an updated blue crab stock assessment. Virginia will partner with the Environmental Protection Agency and Maryland to fund the study.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$225,000