

**Office of State Budget and Management**  
**Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**  
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: DENR

Division: EEP

Budget Code: 24308 Center Title: EEP Administration

Center Number: 29309303

\*\*\* **REVISED** Position Information \*\*\*

Proposed Classification: Environmental Specialist III Proposed Salary Grade: 72

Salary Range: \$35,671 – 55,795 Proposed Effective Date: 09 / 15 / 04

Number of Positions: 2

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$	\$ 87,812
Receipts		
Appropriation	\$	\$
Funding Source(s): <u>DOT Receipts</u>		
Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):		
<b><u>Change Requested:</u></b> Environmental Supervisor III (SG-78) to Environmental Specialist III (SG-72)		

**Background:** EEP recently had 11 positions approved during the 2004 short session of the General Assembly. Since that time, this program has continued to evolve. Part of this evolution has been the identification of personnel resources needed to deliver program requirements. This has resulted in the need to modify the nature and purpose of these two positions. The requested revisions are described and justified below.

These two supervisory positions will be converted to Environmental Specialists dedicated to supporting land acquisition efforts for the program. The EEP currently supports some staff in the State Property Office to support program needs in the area, but there are no staff dedicated within the program to work with watershed planners and implementers to bring project opportunities to fruition in the form of acquisition of a tract of land or conservation easement. These two staff will support program efforts to secure commitments for land acquisition which will allow stream, wetland and buffer restoration projects to move forward more swiftly and smoothly. Because acquisition is directly tied to the program's ability to officially count a restoration project as an asset that can meet a mitigation need, this support is critical to program success.

The current receipt request includes salary at the minimum plus fringe for 2 positions.

Statutory Reference for Request

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Presentation to be made by

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State Budget Officer Signature