# Environmental Funding in North Carolina



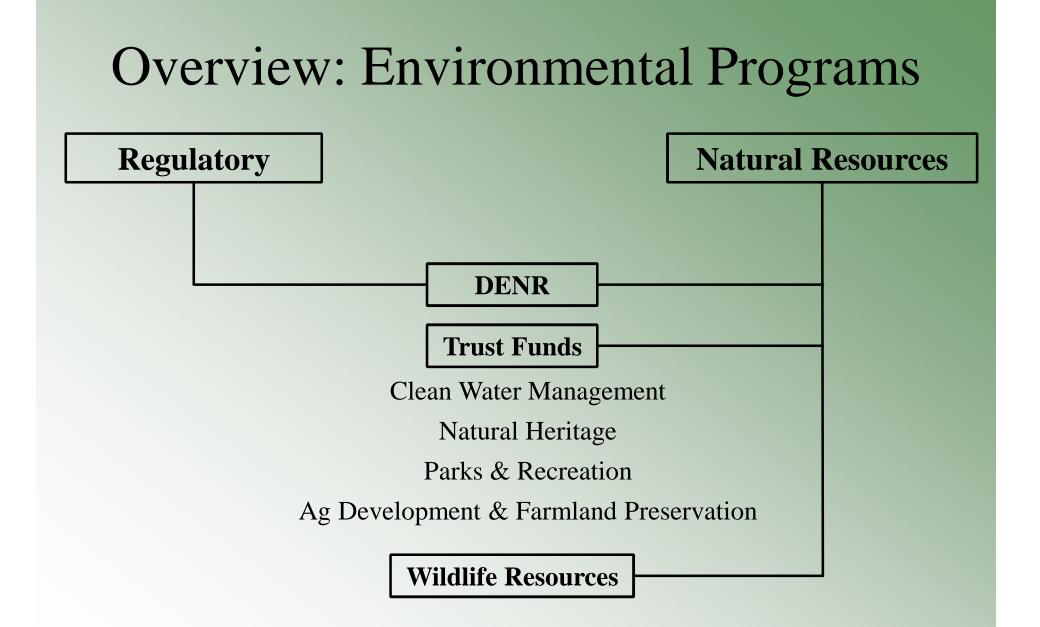
**January 18th**, 2011



# **Presentation Overview**

- 1. Overview of Environmental Programs & Funding
  - a. Department of Environment & Natural Resources
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  - c. Wildlife Resources
- 2. Governor's Recent Budget Actions







# **Overview:** Environmental Funding FY 2010-11 Certified - General Fund Appropriations

(in millions)

\$10,807.7 **CWMTF** 11% **ADFPTF** NER 0% \$467.7 Labor 3% 4%

HHS

\$3,949.9

21%

\* Note: WRC, PARTF, and NHTF receive no General Fund appropriations

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JPS \$2,115.3 11%

Edu

57%

Gen Gov

\$439.2

2%

Other

\$1,168.0

6%

DENR

42%

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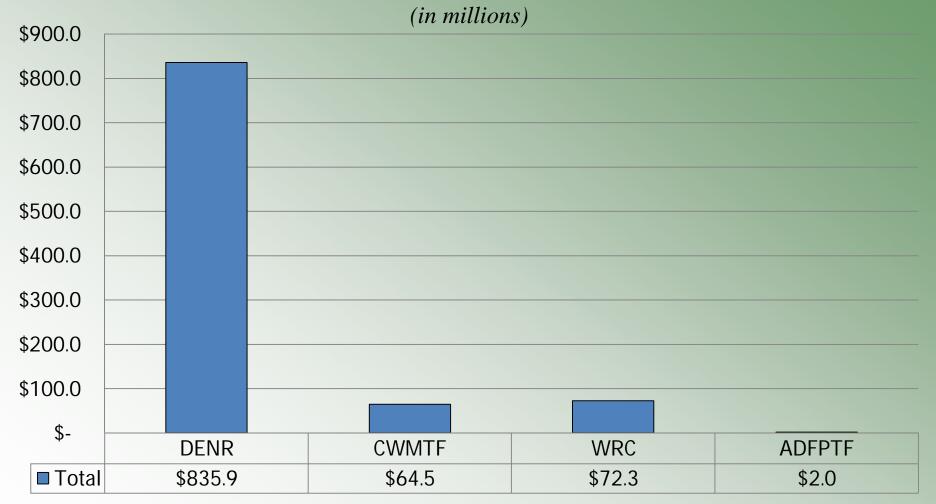
12%

Commerce

/ State-Aid

31%

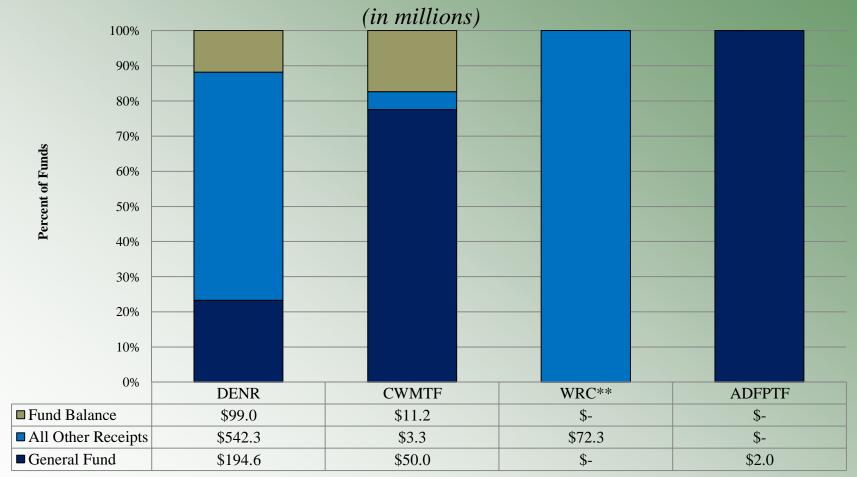
# Overview: Environmental Funding FY 2010-11 Certified - Total Funds\*



\* Excludes most inter-/ intra-governmental transfers to avoid double counting



# Overview: Environmental Funding FY 2010-11 Certified - Total Funds by Source\*



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\*\* WRC receives no General Fund; it collects a direct transfer from the state sales tax (shown as other revenue)



# **DENR:** Fast Facts

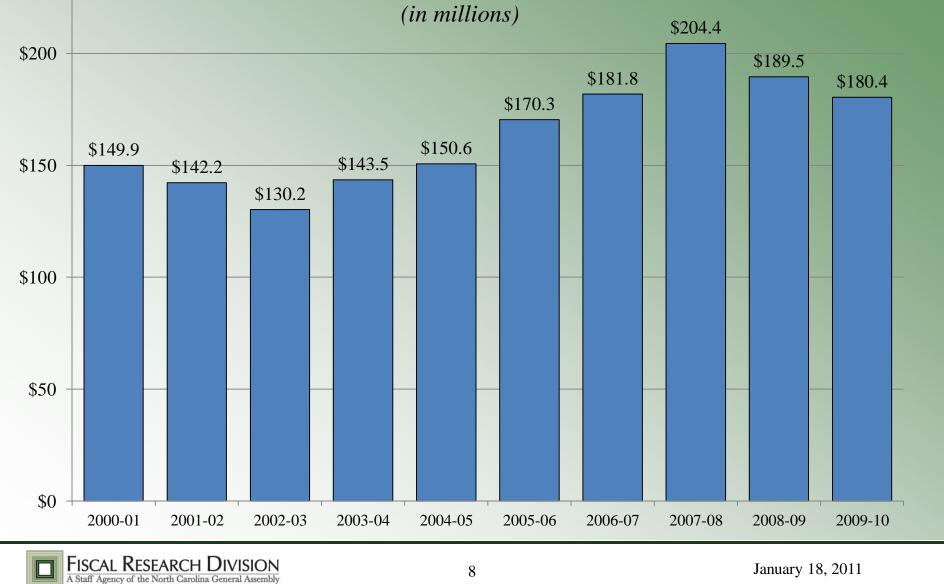
- FY 2010-11 General Fund Appropriation: \$194,625,330
- 3,908 employees 2,239 General Fund 1,689 Receipt-Supported



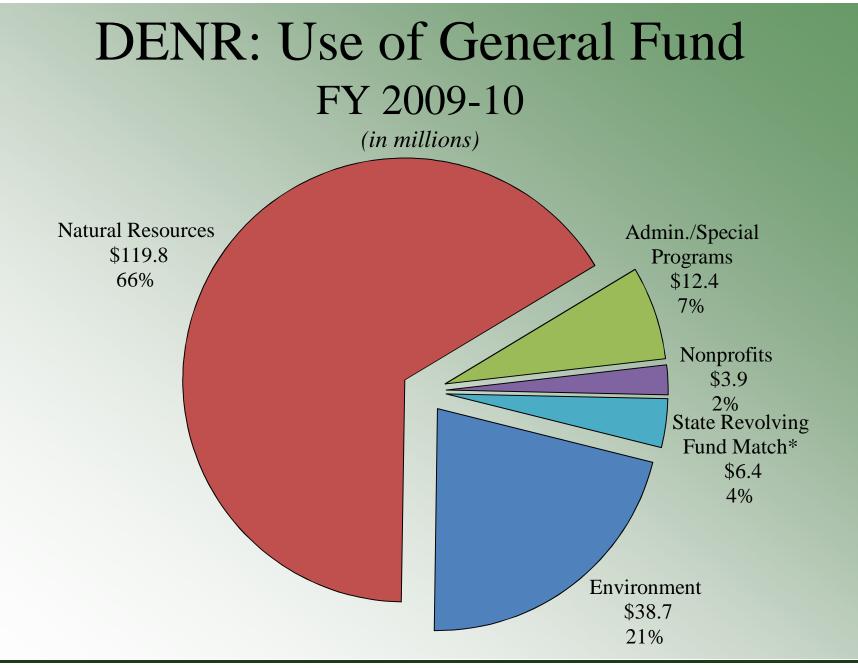
- Central Raleigh office + 7 regional offices
- Wide range of issues
  - Zoo, Aquariums, Parks, Forests, Air Quality, Water & Wastewater Management, Coastal Management, Marine Fisheries, Radiation Protection, Recycling Programs



### **DENR:** Actual General Fund Appropriation FY 2000-01 to FY 2009-10

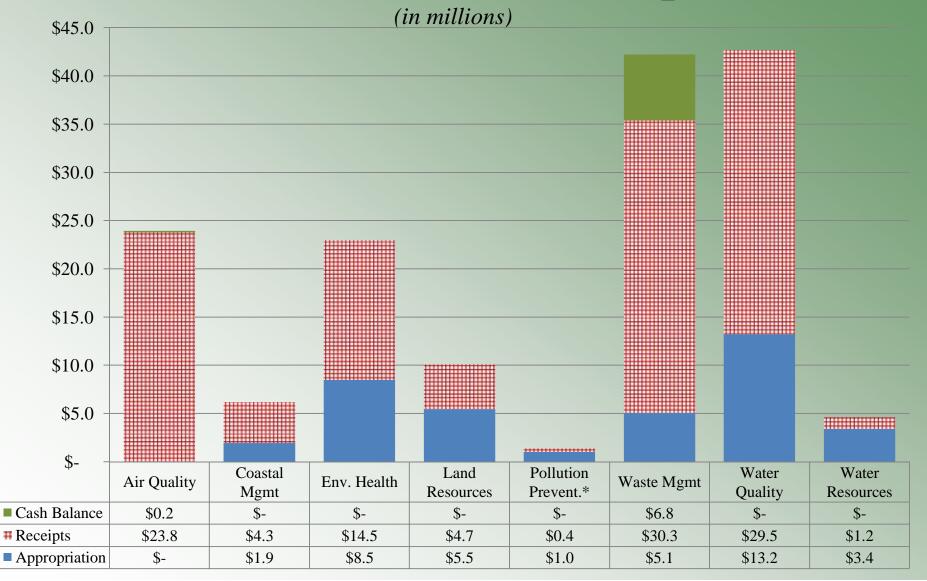


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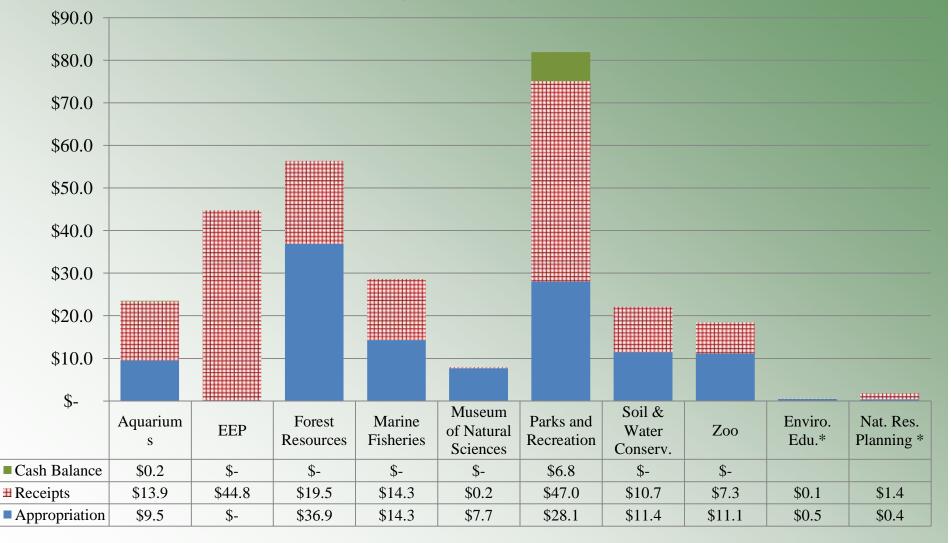
## Environment: FY 2009-10 Expenditures





## Nat. Res.: FY 2009-10 Expenditures

(in millions)





# **DENR: Special Funds**

- DENR has over 180 special funds
- Separate from General Fund special funds may build up cash balances & not revert
- Total cash balance of all DENR special funds (1/31/09): \$670,732,711
- Examples:
  - Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)
  - Scrap Tire Fund
  - Aquariums Special Fund
  - Marine Resources Endowment Fund

# NER Special Funds & Budget Shortfall

- In FY 2008-09, the Governor transferred \$170 million from NER special funds to balance the budget shortfall:
  - Wetlands Trust Fund
    Dry Cleaning Solvent Fund
    Scrap Tire Fund
    Various other DENR Funds
    Parks & Recreation Trust Fund
    Natural Heritage Trust Fund
    \$2.8 million
  - Clean Water Management Trust Fund \$115 million
    Tobacco Trust Fund \$19.2 million

# DENR: FY 2009-11 Major Reductions

### • Special Funds

- Use of Cash Balance by Governor and General Assembly
- Closure of over 30 Special Funds

### • Fee Increases

 Radiation Protection, State Parks, Food & Lodging, Hazardous Waste

### • Vacant positions

- Eliminated nearly 70 positions in FY 2009-10

### Programmatic Changes

- Eliminated programs
- Consolidations

# DENR: FY 2010-11 Consolidations

Pollution Prevention & Environmental Assistance

+ Customer Service Center

-> Division of Environmental Assistance & Outreach

Environmental Education + Public Affairs

-> Office of Environmental Education & Public Affairs



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# Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF)

#### **General Fund Appropriation**

FY 2009-10	\$50 million
FY 2008-09	\$100 million
FY 2007-08	\$100 million
FY 2006-07	\$100 million
FY 2005-06	\$100 million

- General Fund appropriation
- G.S. sets appropriation of \$100 million annually
- FY 2008-09 :
  Governor transferred
  \$115 million to balance
  the budget



## Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF)

	Deed Stamp Tax	License Plate Fees
FY 2009-10	\$8.6 million	\$4.1 million
FY 2008-09	\$9 million	\$4.3 million
FY 2007-08	\$15.2 million	\$3.2 million
FY 2006-07	\$18.6 million	\$3.7 million
FY 2005-06	\$18.8 million	\$3.9 million

- Funding Sources:
  - 25% of deed stamp tax
  - Fees from
     specialty license
     plates (\$5/plate)
  - Interest earnings
- FY 2008-09 : Governor –
  \$2.8 million to balance the budget



## Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

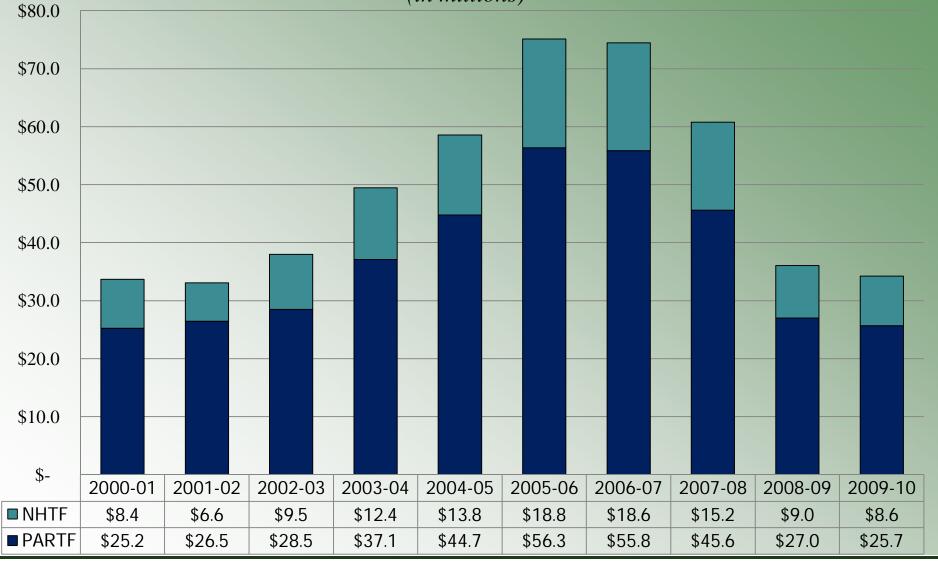
	Deed Stamp Tax	License Plate Fees
FY 2009-10	\$25.7 million	\$1.4 million
FY 2008-09	\$27 million	\$1.4 million
FY 2007-08	\$45.6 million	\$1.4 million
FY 2006-07	\$55.8 million	\$1.3 million
FY 2005-06	\$56.3 million	\$1.4 million

- Funding Sources:
  - 75% of deed stamp tax
  - Fees from specialty license plates (\$5/plate)
  - Interest earnings
- FY 2008-09 : Governor – \$6 million to balance the budget



# Deed Stamp Tax Receipts

(in millions)





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# Agriculture Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF)

<b>General Fund Appropriation</b>		
FY 2009-10	\$2 million R	
FY 2008-09	\$4 million NR	
FY 2007-08	\$8 million NR	
FY 2006-07	-	
FY 2005-06	\$50,000 NR	

- Funded by the General Fund
- FY 2010-11:
  \$2 million R
  (first year of recurring funding)



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# Wildlife Resources Commission

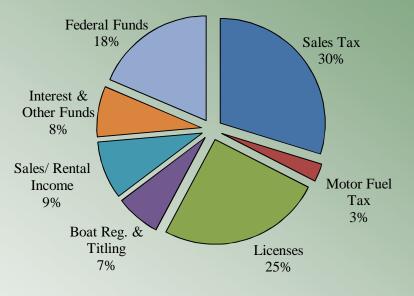
- Created in 1947
- 680+ employees
- Six divisions
- Wildlife Endowment Fund

Sales Tax Allocation		
FY 09-10	\$21.5 million	
FY 08-09	\$24.7 million	
FY 07-08	\$23.7 million	
FY 06-07	\$21.9 million	
FY 05-06	\$18.6 million	

#### **Budget Actions**

FY 2009-11: Transfer capped at \$21.5 million FY 2010-11: Provide \$3 million to General Fund

#### Source of Funds FY 2010-11





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# FY 2010-11 Governor's Actions

- Required 3.5% holdback for Cabinet agencies
  - August 24<sup>th</sup> 1% management flexibility reduction
  - December 17<sup>th</sup> additional 2.5% reduction
- Requested 5-10-15% budget reduction options
  - DENR submitted 5-10-15% options
  - WRC, Trust Funds did not submit options (receipt-supported)
  - Ag. did not submit proposed reduction options



# **DENR:** Reduction Overview

<b>Reduction Percent</b>	<b>Reduction Amount</b>
5%	~ \$9.7 million
10%	~ \$19.4 million
15%	~ \$29.2 million

- Divisions with proposed cuts of over \$1 million:
  - Aquariums
  - Environmental Health
  - Forest Resources
  - Marine Fisheries

- Nonprofits
- Parks & Recreation
- Water Quality
- Zoo



# **DENR:** Proposed Reductions

- Use of grants and receipts
  - Ex: Use Aquarium gate admissions to fund operations
- Major program reductions
  - Close 2 Educational State Forests
  - Close 2 State Parks
  - Close certain State Parks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
  - Contract out Zoo gift shop operations



# **DENR:** Proposed Eliminations

- Programs proposed for elimination
  - WaDE (DEH)
  - Well Drillers (DWQ)
  - On-Site Quality Assurance Program (DEH)
  - Oyster Sanctuary Program (DMF)
  - Working Lands Program (CPCA)
  - Animal Waste Management Systems Pilot Program (SWC)
- Pass-through funding for elimination
  - Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative
  - Partnership for the Sounds

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