

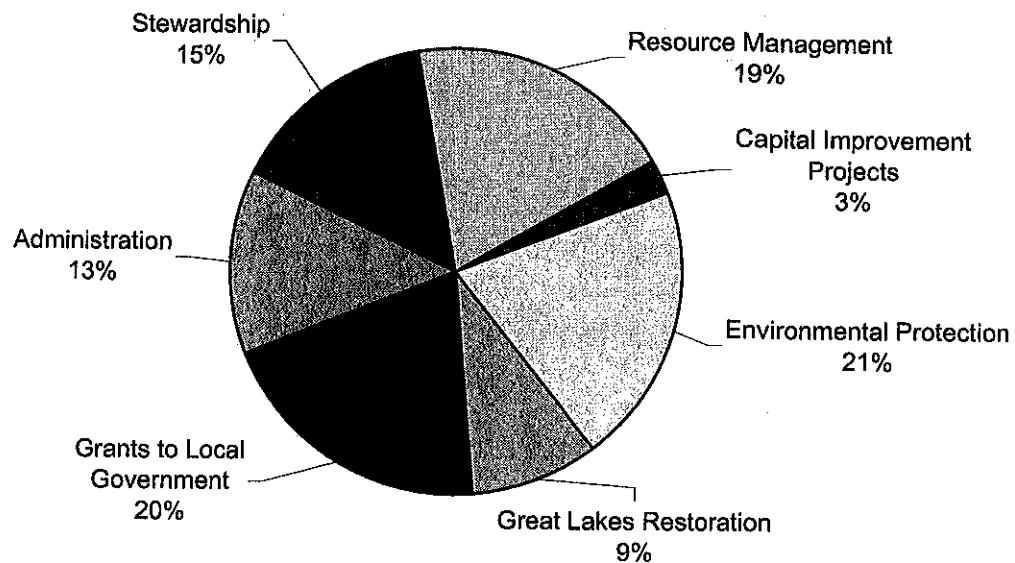
# Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Funding for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) supports programs to restore and enhance Michigan's environment and preserve our natural resources. The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 recommends total funding of \$720.7 million, of which \$42.1 million is general fund.

## Highlights of Governor's Budget Recommendation for DNRE

- The fiscal year 2011 Executive Recommendation reflects the Governor's efforts to streamline state government through the creation of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, which results in a preliminary savings of \$356,000.
- Over 20 percent of the department's budget flows to local units of government for grants and loans for cleanup activities, pollution prevention efforts, and recreational activities.

### Streamlined Structure of the New Department of Natural Resources and Environment



- Almost \$140 million supports resource management efforts including wildlife, fisheries and water protection activities, and the provision of law enforcement officers who support recreational activities, as well as the criminal investigation of environmental polluters.
- The Governor is recommending over \$146 million for protection of Michigan's environment including air quality, groundwater, and environmental cleanup and response activities.
- Under the Governor's proposal, stewardship activities including forest management, state park maintenance, and recreational boating opportunities will receive over \$100 million.
- Michigan will benefit from \$65 million of federal resources dedicated to restoring the Great Lakes by combating invasive species, cleaning up pollution before it flows into the Lakes, protecting and restoring habitat, and stopping 'nonpoint' pollution (farm fertilizer and oil runoff) that compromises beaches and aquatic life.
- Approximately \$12 million is recommended for state and local waterways projects to enhance boating access, and an additional \$7 million is recommended for infrastructure improvements at state parks, game and wildlife areas, as well as acquisition of deer and waterfowl habitat.

