

Department of Natural Resources
FY 2025 State Park & Boating Access Site Revenue Streams
1994 PA 451, Sec. 2045(5) and (6)

(All Figures Rounded to the Nearest Hundred)

(5)(a) Recreation Passport Revenue: \$45,934,300

Recreation Passport Allocation:	
Secretary of State Administration Fee	\$1,000,000
Resident Motor Vehicle Permit Replacement	\$15,189,000
Resident Boating Access Site Permit Replacement	\$1,462,100
Amount Available For Distribution Per Formula	\$28,283,200
50% - State Parks Capital Outlay	\$14,141,600
30% - State Parks Operations & Maintenance	\$8,485,000
10% - Local Public Recreation Facilities	\$2,828,300
7% - Forest Recreation	\$1,979,800
2.75% - State Parks Cultural & Historical Resources	\$777,800
0.25% - Marketing & Promotional Expenses	\$70,700
Total Recreation Passport Allocation	\$45,934,300

(5)(b) Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Permit Revenue:

Non-Resident Daily	\$3,678,700
Non-Resident Annual	\$2,882,500
Towed Vehicle Duplicate	\$8,500
Commercial Vehicle	\$7,200
Total Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Permit Revenue	\$6,576,900

(5)(c) Non-Resident Boating Access Site Revenue:

Non-Resident Daily	\$87,100
Non-Resident Annual	\$63,700
Total Non-Resident Boating Access Site Revenue	\$150,800

(5)(d) Specific uses of revenue in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c) with amounts expended:

State Park Improvement Fund:	
FY 2025 revenue sources identified in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c):	
Recreation Passport:	
Resident Motor Vehicle Permit Replacement	\$15,189,000
30% Allocation - State Parks Operations & Maintenance	\$8,485,000
Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Permits	\$6,533,300

FY 2025 revenue also includes revenue from other sources (state park camping revenue being the most significant). A summary of FY 2025 expenditures for the Park Improvement Fund is provided below:

Expenditure Description	Amount
Salaries, Wages, Fringes, & Retirement	\$58,748,800
Vehicle and Travel Services & Travel	\$3,677,500
Contractual Services, Supplies, & Materials	\$20,022,800
Land & Buildings	\$427,300
Equipment	\$1,462,400
Information Technology	\$1,513,500
Payments to Locals & Private Groups	\$122,200
Payments to Other Departments	\$1,272,200
Miscellaneous	\$1,637,100
Total Expenditures	\$88,883,800

Recreation Passport Fees Fund:

FY 2025 revenue sources identified in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c):

Recreation Passport:

50% Allocation - State Parks Capital Outlay	\$14,141,600
2.75% Allocation - State Parks Cultural & Historical Resources	\$777,800
0.25% Allocation - Marketing & Promotional Expenses	\$70,700

A summary of FY 2025 expenditures for the Recreation Passport Fees Fund is provided below:

Expenditure Description	Amount
Salaries, Wages, Fringes, & Retirement	\$552,400
Vehicle and Travel Services & Travel	\$9,600
Contractual Services, Supplies, & Materials	\$1,422,700
Land & Buildings	\$11,564,000
Equipment	\$24,500
Payments to Other Departments	\$9,800
Total Expenditures	\$13,583,000

Revenue deposited in the Recreation Passport Fees Fund is primarily used for capital outlay, which has a 4-year spend window.

Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund:

FY 2025 revenue sources identified in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c):

Recreation Passport:

10% Allocation - Local Public Recreation Facilities	\$2,828,300
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A summary of FY 2025 expenditures for the Local Public Recreational Facilities Fund is provided below:

Expenditure Description	Amount
Salaries, Wages, Fringes, & Retirement	\$212,200
Vehicle and Travel Services & Travel	\$2,700
Contractual Services, Supplies, & Materials	\$17,200
Payments to Locals & Private Groups	\$1,840,600
Payments to Other Departments	\$5,300
Total Expenditures	\$2,078,000

Michigan State Waterways Fund:

FY 2025 revenue sources identified in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c):

Recreation Passport:

Resident Boating Access Site Permit Replacement	\$1,462,100
Non-Resident Boating Access Site Permits	\$150,800

FY 2025 revenue also includes revenue from other sources (watercraft registrations and gas tax revenue being the most significant). The Waterways Fund receives 51% of the watercraft registration revenue received by the department and 80% of the 2% share of the state's gasoline tax revenue. A summary of FY 2025 expenditures for the Waterways Fund is provided below:

Expenditure Description	Amount
Salaries, Wages, Fringes, & Retirement	\$14,222,400
Vehicle and Travel Services & Travel	\$673,300
Contractual Services, Supplies, & Materials	\$4,632,400
Land & Buildings	\$6,522,600
Equipment	\$1,013,400
Information Technology	\$506,400
Payments to Locals & Private Groups	\$2,772,600
Payments to Other Departments	\$672,000
Miscellaneous	\$438,100
Total Expenditures	\$31,453,200

Forest Recreation Account:

FY 2025 revenue sources identified in (5)(a), (5)(b), and (5)(c):

Recreation Passport:

7% Allocation - Forest Recreation	\$1,979,800
Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Permits	\$43,600

FY 2025 revenue also includes revenue from other sources (state forest camping revenue being the most significant). A summary of FY 2025 expenditures for the Forest Recreation Account is provided below:

Expenditure Description	Amount
Salaries, Wages, Fringes, & Retirement	\$2,395,200
Vehicle and Travel Services & Travel	\$175,100
Contractual Services, Supplies, & Materials	\$760,800
Land & Buildings	\$802,500
Equipment	\$1,021,900
Information Technology	\$43,800
Payments to Other Departments	\$46,000
Miscellaneous	\$116,800
Total Expenditures	\$5,362,100

(5)(e) The amount of revenue received during the preceding state fiscal year under subsection (4):

There were no General Fund appropriations received under this section in FY 2025.

(5)(f) Adequacy of the recreation passport revenue in (5)(a):

While the level of recreation passport participation is promising, additional revenue is needed if the DNR Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) is to continue to maintain the state parks and complete the numerous capital improvement projects needed.

(5)(g) Impact of the revenue in (5)(a) and (5)(b) on the Park Endowment Fund:

The recreation passport and non-resident motor vehicle permit revenue streams have no direct impact on the Park Endowment Fund. The Park Endowment Fund is supported by revenue from investment earnings and mineral royalties.

(5)(h) Other relevant issues that affect funding needs for the state park system:

The Building Michigan Together Plan, signed into law in March 2022, included \$250 million in federal relief program funding to help tackle the backlog of critical infrastructure needs in the state parks system. An additional \$23 million in federal relief funding was appropriated in 2023 for projects at Belle Isle Park. This \$273 million federal funding was supplemented with roughly \$34 million in capital outlay appropriations to fund 181 projects that were at the top of the parks system's backlog of maintenance, repair, and improvement needs. To aid in communicating progress, PRD created an interactive dashboard at www.michigan.gov/stateparksprogress.

Michigan's state parks continue to face a significant infrastructure backlog—aging roads, utilities, restrooms, and accessibility improvements remain unmet. While the one-time federal relief funds helped make significant progress, a stable, dedicated funding source is essential to maintain and modernize facilities. The remaining maintenance backlog for state park infrastructure still exceeds \$500 million. Michigan risks falling behind on critical repairs and enhancements that visitors expect and deserve. The backlog of needs includes safety and code-compliance projects, critical utilities, dam infrastructure, accessibility enhancements, high-use visitor buildings and amenities, and more. The amount of annual revenue available from mineral royalties, state park camping, and recreation passport sales continues to be insufficient to adequately address the backlog of maintenance, repair, and improvement projects across the state parks and recreation system.

1994 PA 451, Sec. 2045(6):

Pursuant to Section 2045(6) of PA 451 of 1994, as amended, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit a biennial report identifying the frequency with which motor vehicles without a recreation passport enter state parks and state designated boating access sites. Approximately 9.8 percent of recreation passport sales in fiscal year 2024 and 10.0 percent of recreation passport sales in fiscal year 2025 occurred at the parks when a vehicle arrived without the recreation passport. Similar data for state designated boating access sites is not available.