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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Senators Anthony and Cherry and Representatives Bollin and Borton:

Pursuant to Section 228, PA 22 of 2025, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to report on private and other third-party funds received in the previous fiscal year. The DNR received approximately \$9,524,400 in private and other third-party funds in fiscal year 2025. These funds were received from individuals, non-profit organizations, corporations, local businesses, local government, and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). The funds were expended for DNR program support and operations, capital improvements and infrastructure maintenance, and pass-through programs. Funds remaining total approximately \$9,023,700, which include private and other third-party funds received in previous years that have yet to be spent.

The amounts provided in this report do not reflect final fiscal year 2025 activity, as year-end close actions are still ongoing.

If you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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