

Funding

State Operating Budget

- The amount of funding we provide to our state environmental agencies impacts our environment, public health, and our economy.
 - Did you know? MA has a \$10B outdoor recreation economy.
- Annual Green Budget Report
 - Tracks funding and makes recommendations, with a focus on restoring funding to programs that have been chronically underfunded
 - FY15 report endorsed by over 45 organizations
- Snapshot of funding history for environmental agencies (EOEEA, DEP, DCR, DFG, DAR):
 - FY01: \$225M (1% of \$22.4B state budget)
 - FY09: \$231M (0.84% of \$27.6B state budget)
 - FY14: \$204M (0.6% of \$34.1B state budget)
 - FY15: \$213M??? (approx. 0.59% of approx. \$36.4B state budget)

GOAL: 1% for the Environment
- Endorsing organizations' top priorities for funding increases in FY15:
 - DCR State Parks and Recreation
 - DEP Recycling
 - DEP Administration

