



## FY2025 Green Budget Priorities

Protecting the Commonwealth’s land, water, air, and other vulnerable natural resources while supporting healthy communities and meeting our climate goals requires state agencies that are well-resourced and well-staffed. The **Green Budget Coalition** advocates for robust, sustainable state funding for energy and environmental affairs to meet the scope and scale of our climate, conservation, and adaptation challenges.

### **Targeted Increases To Priority Line Items:**

**Department of Environmental Protection (2200-0100):** \$54,555,032 (\$2,516,841 increase over FY24)

*Support H.2 recommended funding level to continue to ongoing efforts to offer PFAS testing, guidance and support to municipalities, update air and water permits to include climate resiliency measures and environmental justice principles, and continue development of a statewide Clean Heat Standard.*

**DCR State Parks and Recreation (2810-0100):** \$109,984,560 (\$4,387,209 increase over FY24)

*Support H.2 recommended funding level for further implementation of Special Commission and Stewardship Council recommendations, climate-related planning for state-owned properties, and to restore the agency to the full-time staffing levels needed to meet its mandates.*

**Department of Public Utilities Administration (2100-0012):** \$20,741,599 (\$1,047,005 increase over FY24)

*Support H.2 recommended funding level to continue implementation of the 2025/2030 CECP as well as anticipated recommendations of the Commission on Clean Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting.*

**Department of Fish and Game (2300-0100):** \$1,997,635 (\$608,387 increase over FY24)

*Support H.2 recommended funding level to implement the Governor’s Executive Order 618 on biodiversity including program development, technical assistance to support stewardship on private and public land, and urban habitat programs in Gateway Cities and environmental justice communities.*

**DCR Watershed Management (2800-0101):** \$2,136,595 (\$320,000 increase over FY24)

*Support funding in line with Governor’s FY24 recommendation to enable Office of Water Resources to provide scientific information, policy guidance, and technical assistance to state and local partners.*

### **Level Funding with FY24:**

*In recognition of the critical roles that EEA agencies continue to play in meeting our climate and conservation goals amid a constrained revenue picture, the Green Budget Coalition strongly recommends preserving level funding for the following items to ensure stability and continuity for agencies working to fill vacant staff roles and implement new programs.*

- **Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (2000-0100):** \$21,446,415
- **EEA Climate Adaptation and Preparedness (2000-0101):** \$10,003,414
- **Office of Environmental Justice (2000-0101):** \$8,841,066
- **Division of Ecological Restoration (2300-0101):** \$5,455,000
- **Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (2310-0300):** \$1,576,191