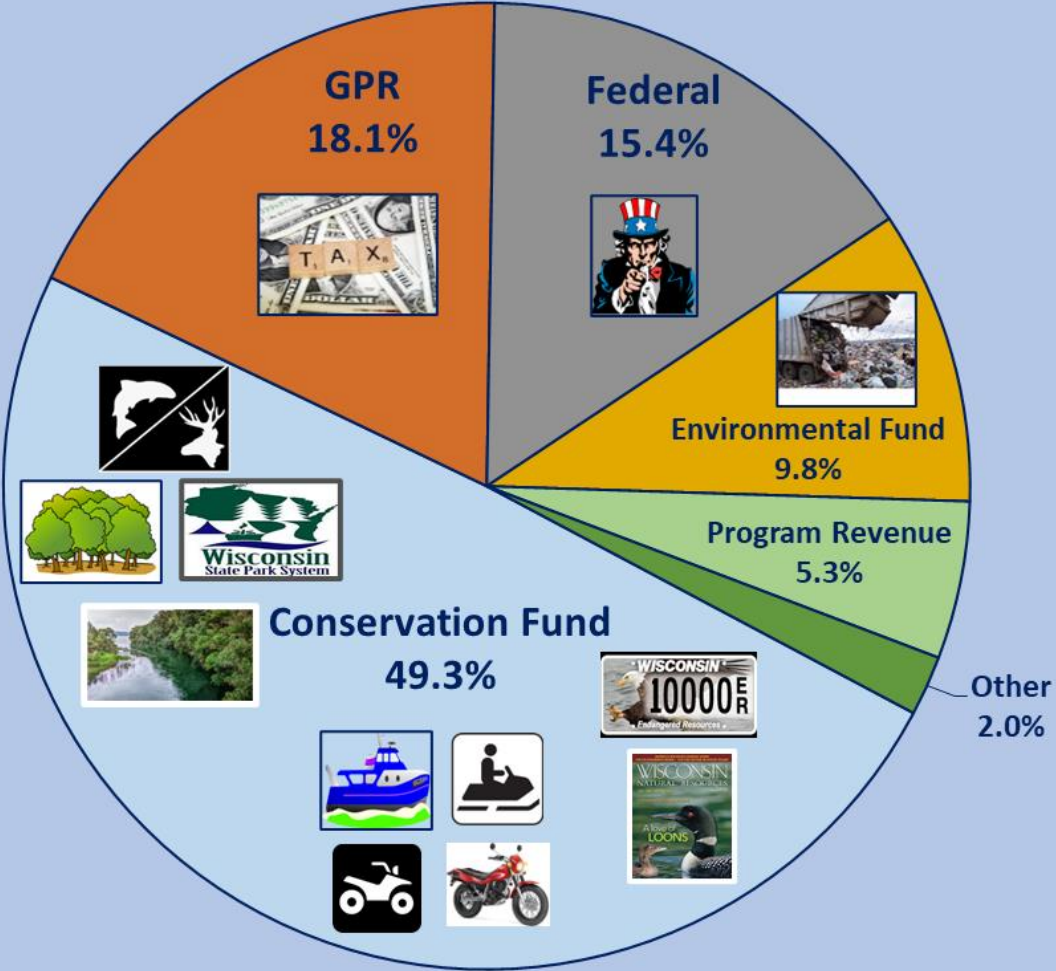


# Recap of 2023-25 DNR Operating Budget *(2023 Wisconsin Act 19)*

***DNR Bureau of Management & Budget  
September 2023***

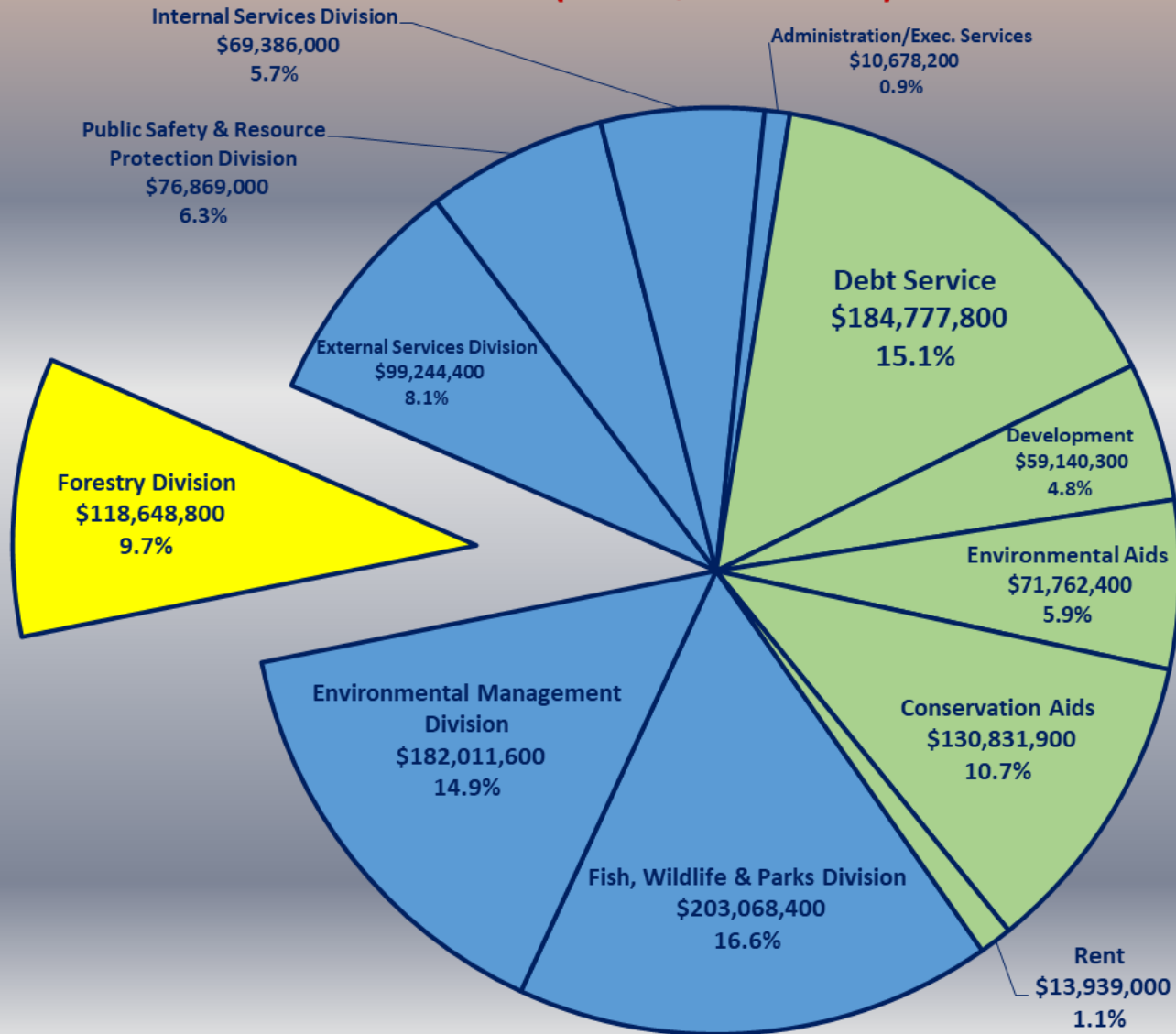
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## Department-wide Funding

- **DNR's two-year budget increases by \$85.5 million, or 7.5% over base.**
  - *By comparison, the 2021-23 budget ended up at 0.1% below the base.*

## Department-wide Budget Cuts

- **Across-the-board salary line reduction: \$2.6 m/yr.**
- **Supply line reductions for Forestry, Internal Services and External Services Divisions: \$1.8 m/yr.**

## Department-wide Position Changes

- **No new positions approved**
- **Net reduction of 51.71 positions, comprised of:**
  - **Long-term vacancy cuts**
  - **Expiring project positions**

# PFAS

- **\$125 million PFAS Trust Fund established**
- **Access to funding is yet to be determined**

# Parks System Operations

**Over \$1.3 million to cover:**

- **Maintenance equipment upgrades**
- **Visitor payment and counting technology (e.g., kiosks, credit card terminals, etc.) upgrades**
- **Higher utility costs**

**Campsite electrification cap eliminated  
(had previously been capped at 35%)**



# Maintenance & Repair Backlog

- **\$30.6 million for maintenance, repair and upgrades to parks, roads, buildings, bridges, parking lots, boat ramps, campsites, etc.**
- **\$26.6 million+ of previously unused Stewardship bonding for property development projects**  
*(via Gov's partial veto)*

# Fish & Wildlife Account Revenue Enhancers

- **\$25 million one-time transfer from the Forestry Account**
- **Nonresident hunting and fishing license fee increases: est. \$2.2 million/yr.**

# **Staff Safety Equipment**

**Over \$1.9 million designated for:**

- **Forestry fire suppression equipment & AEDs**
- **Warden AEDs & Taser units**
- **Warden off-road vehicle fleet replacement**
- **Repairs/upgrades to Fisheries' research vessels**

# Grants & Local Assistance

## Forestry-Related

- Urban Forestry Grants: \$350,000
- County Forest Grants: \$500,000

## Environmental

- Great Lakes contaminated sediment removal: \$7.5 million
- Ag-Related Nonpoint Source Pollution: \$6.5 million
- Urban Nonpoint Source Pollution/Flood Control: \$4.0 million

## Other

- Rec Vehicle (ATV/UTV & Snowmobile) Aids: \$3.1 million
- Dam Repair, Replacement & Removal: \$4.0 million
- Earmarks (dams, dredging, etc): \$5.0 million

# Forestry Items Not Approved

- **Terrestrial Invasive Species Prevention: \$1.2 million**
- **Tree Planting on State-Owned Lands: \$790,000**
- **Nursery Operations: \$627,800**
- **Public Forest Regeneration Grants: \$1.3 million**
- **Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grants: \$620,000**
- **Forest Industrywide Strategic Roadmap: \$775,000**
- **Open the Outdoors Recreation Access: \$300,000**
- **County Forest Wildlife Habitat Grants: \$256,600**
- **Forestry Education/Career Outreach: \$195,000**
- **Stewardship Forestry Account Lapse Correction: statutory language proposal**

# Other State Agencies Funded by Forestry Account

- **DATCP: \$1.79 million/yr.**
  - **Spongy Moth Plant Protection**
- **Kickapoo Reserve Management Board: \$889,100/yr.**
  - **Program Operations: \$489,100/yr.**
  - **Aids in Lieu of Taxes: \$400,000/yr.**
- **Lower Wisconsin Riverway Board: \$66,500/yr.**
- **UW System \$141,600/yr.**
  - **UWSP Paper Science: 1.0 FTE**
  - **UW Madison Center for Cooperatives: Forestry Co-Op Grants**
- **Wisconsin Historical Society: \$82,700/yr.**
  - **Ashland Great Lake Visitor Center**
- **Department of Tourism: \$6,050/yr.**
  - **Promotions of Wisconsin State Park System**
- **Board of Commissioners of Public Lands: \$52,200/yr.**
  - **1.0 FTE**
  - **New in this budget**

# What's Next?

