



2025-27 Biennial Budget Process

Forestry's 23-25 Enacted Budget Provisions

- ▶ Eliminated the 3-cent surcharge on seedlings at Nurseries
- ▶ Decrease of 5.0 FTE position authority as long-term vacancies
- ▶ Reduce supplies/services funding by \$675,000 SEG annually
- ▶ Fully funded bonding for Friendship and Crandon Ranger Stations, as well as Equipment Fabrication & Storage Facilities at Lemay Center
- ▶ One-time transfer of \$25,000,000 from the forestry account to the fish and wildlife account of the SEG conservation fund
- ▶ County Forest Sustainable Grant increase of \$500,000 annually
- ▶ \$350,000 annual grant Increase for Emerging Threats to Urban & Community Forests
- ▶ Forestry Public Safety Initiative operational funding of \$680,000

25-27 Budget Timeline

- ▶ Now through July 2024: DNR Division of Forestry works on budget needs internally
- ▶ August/September 2024: Natural Resource Board will vote on agency's biennial budget submissions
- ▶ February 2025: Governor's budget address, executive budget released
- ▶ Spring 2025: Assembly and Senate versions of budget released, reconciliation process begins, JFC hearings
- ▶ June 2025: Budget Act signed