

### 2012-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET

State Parks and Trails Lottery in Lieu Expenditures: \$300,000 FY 2012 / \$300,000 FY 2013 (Natural Resources Fund – Lottery-in-Lieu)

### It is needed because

This initiative will assist the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in meeting the public demand for outdoor recreation activities offered through state parks and trails. As state parks and trails use continues to increase, it is critical DNR maintain the quality of state lands and facilities and the level of service provided to customers. State parks and trails maintenance provides a safe and quality experience to park and trail visitors and preserves the state's valuable infrastructure.

DNR manages state parks and trails use in ways that protect the natural environment, create high-quality recreation opportunities that attract both new and returning users, and promote economic development.

#### Major program elements

This initiative will support operations and maintenance of the state parks and trails system.

#### **Priority-setting**

Priorities for this funding will be determined by working with field managers throughout the system of parks and trails to determine where the need to meet public demand with additional budget is greatest.

### **Project locations**

Projects are located statewide with the state parks and trails system.

## **Key measures and outcomes**

This program seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Maintain current levels of maintenance and operations at state parks and trails; and
- Improve safety in state parks and trails.

# **Financial Implications**

The FY 2011 budget for this activity is about \$4,300,000. The requested annual appropriation increase of \$300,000 represents a seven percent increase.

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