



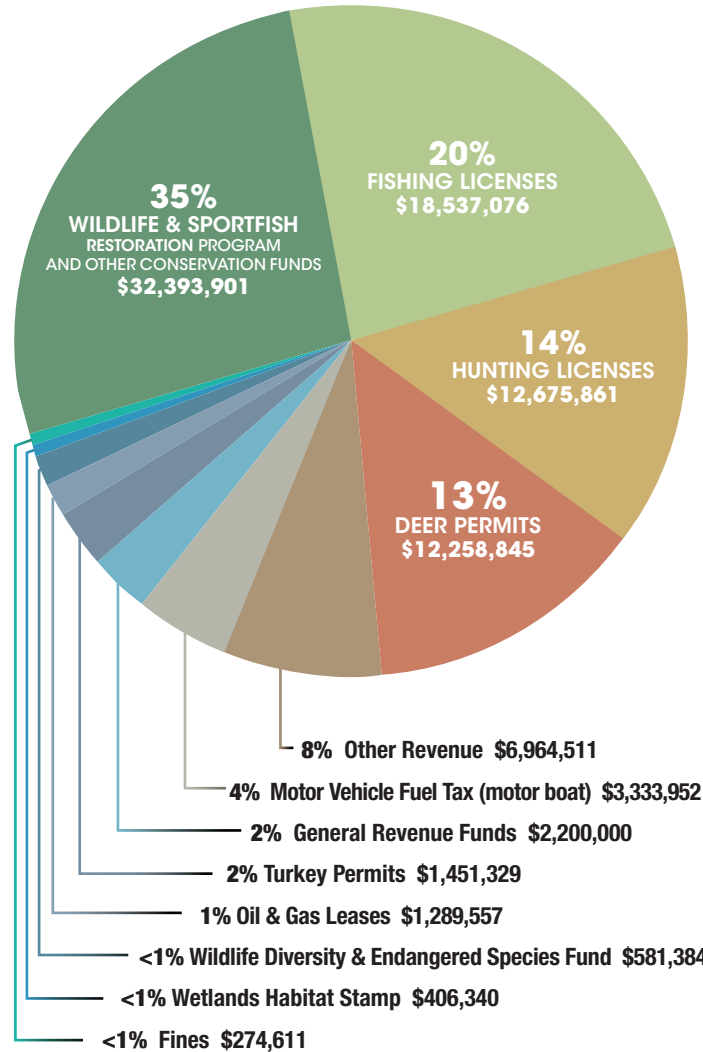
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Significant projects undertaken by the Ohio Division of Wildlife last fiscal year:

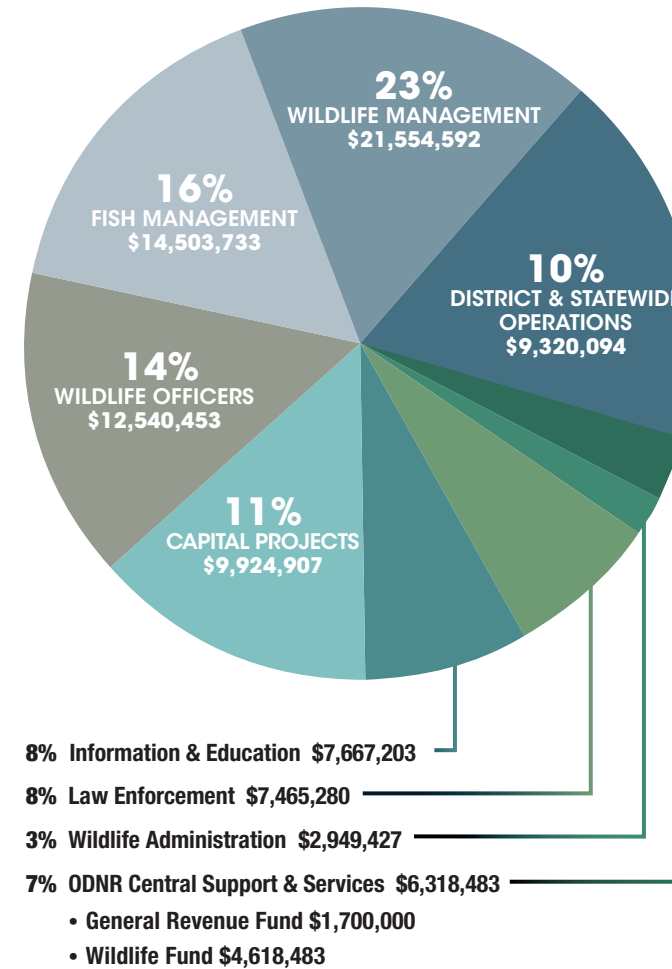
- DELAWARE WILDLIFE AREA (DELAWARE COUNTY)**
 Completed the O'Donnell Wetland Restoration and Treatment Train. As a result, water pumped from Delaware Lake now passes through 64 acres of restored wetland for filtration before returning to Delaware Lake.
- LONDON STATE FISH HATCHERY (MADISON COUNTY)**
 Renovated display ponds where fish stocked in the youth fishing area at the Ohio State Fair are held.
- MOXLEY WILDLIFE AREA (ERIE COUNTY)**
 Added Tower Marsh, a 110-acre marshland, to Moxley Wildlife Area through a property transfer from Ducks Unlimited. This wetland property will help filter water before it enters Lake Erie.
- LITTLE PORTAGE WILDLIFE AREA (OTTAWA COUNTY)**
 Renovated 300 acres of Little Portage Wildlife area and 400 acres of neighboring farmland. Improvements included repairing 5.4 miles of levee, armoring another 1.5 miles of levee, and installing four water control structures and two water pumps.
- SPENCER LAKE WILDLIFE AREA (MEDINA COUNTY)**
 Re-engineered water flow at Spencer Lake, restructuring the two bodies of water into one regulated reservoir. Benefits include improved water control and dam safety, increased angler access along shorelines, and improved recreational access via a boatable passageway with a pedestrian bridge above it.
- FUNK BOTTOMS WILDLIFE AREA (ASHLAND & WAYNE COUNTIES)**
 Acquired and restored more than 197 acres of wildlife habitat through partnerships with The Wilderness Center, Wayne County Community Foundation, and West Creek Conservancy. The newly acquired land strategically connects formerly disjunct parcels.
- SENECAVILLE STATE FISH HATCHERY (GUERNSEY COUNTY)**
 Replaced the main water supply piping from Seneca Lake to the hatchery, repaired and improved several fish production ponds, and installed a new backup generator.
- CONESVILLE WILDLIFE AREA (COSHOCTON COUNTY)**
 Added 2,085 acres of public land that was previously part of the AEP Conesville public hunting area. The equestrian camp and 20-mile equine trail network will continue to be open for public use.
- INDIAN CREEK WILDLIFE AREA (BROWN COUNTY)**
 Improved the archery range by adding 50, 60, and 70-yard static targets. In addition, two bathrooms were added near the pistol and rifle range.
- SPRING VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA (WARREN COUNTY)**
 Improved the archery range by adding 50, 60, and 70-yard static targets and life-size 3D targets to the walkthrough archery range. A new sound system was installed at the education center to help with workshops and programs.
- FISHING PIER IMPROVEMENTS (STATEWIDE)**
 New ADA-compliant fishing piers were installed at Cowan Lake (Clinton County), Tycoon Lake (Gallia County), Mogadore Reservoir (Portage County), and Knox Lake (Knox County) to provide new fishing opportunities to anglers.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

2024 TOTAL REVENUE \$92,367,367



2024 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$92,244,172



STATE COLLABORATION FUNDING

State collaboration included participation in Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative (\$8,677,547) and appropriations through Ohio's biennial operations and capital budgets (\$4,650,000).

EXPLANATION OF EXPENDITURES

- WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (\$21,554,592)**
 Wildlife management and research is responsible for managing Ohio's terrestrial wildlife. The group assists landowners with habitat improvements, manages land for wildlife and wildlife-oriented recreation, and monitors wildlife populations and harvest. The group also conducts applied research used to improve wildlife populations, regulations, and public satisfaction with Ohio's wildlife resources.
- FISH MANAGEMENT (\$14,503,733)**
 Fish management and research maintains Ohio's aquatic wildlife resources. Biologists and other fisheries personnel manage water areas by improving spawning habitat and fishing access, recommending regulations, monitoring fish populations and angler harvest, fish stocking, and research.
- WILDLIFE OFFICERS (\$12,540,453) AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (\$7,465,280)**
 Enforcement is a fish and wildlife management tool designed to protect resources, ensure fair and equitable use, protect state property, as well as implement fish, wildlife, litter, and pollution statutes. Wildlife officers are assigned to each of Ohio's 88 counties and Lake Erie.
- INFORMATION & EDUCATION (\$7,667,203)**
 Monies spent include hunter, trapper, and angler education, printing regulations, preparing educational materials, producing photographs and videos, maintaining wildohio.gov, producing Wild Ohio Magazine, information distribution to the media and public, and the printing of publications.
- DISTRICT & STATEWIDE OPERATIONS (\$9,320,094)**
 Operation expenditures include statewide field operations, fiscal and business management, licensing and permits, property management, environmental research and review, and wetlands habitat restoration.
- ODNR CENTRAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES (\$6,318,483)**
 This amount pays a portion of the centralized services and human resource assistance provided by ODNR. This funding is from the general revenue fund and wildlife fund.
- WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATION (\$2,949,427)**
 Expenditures include money spent for wildlife administration staff who set direction and policy. Additional costs include wildlife diversity projects, employee recruitment, safety requirements, and training.
- 89% OPERATING TOTAL (\$82,319,265)**

- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (\$9,924,907)**
 These funds are spent on land purchases as well as the repair, maintenance, renovation, and construction of facilities such as fishing access sites, boat ramps, hatcheries, offices, and shooting ranges.