

## **AGENDA**

Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23228

August 19, 2021  
9:00 am

Call to Order and Welcome –

1. Recognition of Employees and Others
2. Approval of the May 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes  
Approval of the June 28, 2021 Board meeting Minutes
3. Public Comments – Non Agenda Items
4. Committee Meeting Reports:

**Final Action**  
**Final Action**

### **Law Enforcement Committee:**

### **Wildlife and Boat Committee:**

- Proposed CWD Regulations

**Final Action**

### **Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee:**

- Annual Finance Report for FY 2021

### **Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee:**

5. Director's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Additional Business/Comments
8. Next Meeting Date: To be announced
9. Closed Session
10. Adjournment

**An Orientation for new Board Members will be held immediately following the Board meeting.**

## Teleconference/Video Board Meeting

Draft Board Minutes

Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive  
Henrico, VA 23228

May 27, 2021  
9:00 am

**Present:** Mr. John Daniel, II, **Chair,** Mr. Brian Vincent, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Frank Adams, Mr. Rovel Brown, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. Tom Sadler; Ms. Catherine Claiborne and Mr. G. K. Washington; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Ms. Becky Gwynn, Mr. Tom Guess, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Darin Moore, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Paige Pearson, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting by Teleconference.

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone attending the virtual meeting and thanked everyone for being able to attend by teleconference; The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chair, Mr. John Daniel announced that this meeting is proceeding under Item 4-0.01, Subsection G of the Appropriation Act and section 2.2-3708.2 of the code of Virginia. It is being held by electronic communication, as the COVID-19 virus has made a physical meeting of the Board impracticable. This emergency imposed by COVID-19 is observed by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia. The Board's actions today shall be solely limited to those matters included on the agenda. All of these proposed actions are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and discharge lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Board.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote for Attendance: Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Boyd, Parker, Sadler, Brown, Claiborne, Washington and Grimes

**Recognitions of Employees and Others:** The Chair called on Director Ryan Brown for Recognitions of Employees.

The Director recognized and welcomed Ms. Rebecca Gwynn as the new Deputy Director.

The Director and Deputy Director Gary Martel called Mr. Lee Walker to the podium who was recognized by the leadership of DWR and the Board for his years of service to the agency and wished him well on his recent retirement. The Director read a Resolution for Mr. Walker.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Daniel made a motion. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources approve the resolution for Mr. Lee Walker. It was seconded by a host of Board members. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

The Director called on Ms. Becky Gwynn for recognition of Dr. Gary Costanzo for the William T. Hesselton Memorial Award presented by the Northeast Wildlife Administrators Association of the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The Director called on Dr. Gray Anderson for recognition of Dr. Megan Kirchgessner with the Henry Mosby Award given by VA State Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

The Director called on Colonel John Cobb who introduced new Major, Ryan Shuler and new Compliance Officer Paul Kugelman.

Colonel Cobb recognized Officer Cory Harbour with the CPO of the Year Award.

**Approval of the March 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 18, 2021 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Board minutes which included a correction. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Boyd, Grimes, Brown, Parker, Claiborne, Washington, and Sadler

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:**

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Tom Benzing spoke regarding Fish stocking on the South River
- Mr. Todd Miller spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Mauricio Tovar spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. John Morse spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Andy Forbes spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Ms. Katie Abercrombie spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Ms. Robin Hutt spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. James Hudson spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Chuck Ellsworth spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Johnny Glazebrook spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting

The Chair thanked all the speakers for their comments.

**Committee Reports:**

**Wildlife and Boat Committee:**

The Chair called on Ms. Catherine Claiborne for an update on the virtual May 17, 2021 Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

Ms. Claiborne gave an update on the May 17, 2021 virtual Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Claiborne for her update.

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson to present the Final Action on the 2021-2022 Wildlife Regulations.

Dr. Anderson presented the Final Action on the proposed 2021-2022 Wildlife Regulations

The Chair asked for questions from the public and the Board.

\*Due to the size of the presentations, species recommendations were voted on in groups. \*\*

**Virtual Speakers for Elk:**

Ms. Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding Elk.

**ELK;** 4VAC15-20-10; 4VAC15-20-65; 4VAC15-90-500; 4VAC15-90-510; 4VAC15-90-520; 4VAC15-90-530; 4VAC15-90-540; 4VAC15-90-550; 4VAC15-270-10

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed amendments to the Elk regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Catherine Claiborne. The board secretary took a roll call vote: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler.

**Virtual Speakers for Deer:**

Ms. Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding Deer.

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** 4VAC15-90-10; 4VAC15-90-89; 4VAC15-90-260; 4VAC15-50-110; 4VAC15-90-293.

**Deer & Muzzleloader Hunting:** 4VAC15-90-70; 4VAC15-90-80; 4VAC15-50-71; 4VAC15-90-90; 4VAC15-90-91

**Harvest Reporting:** 4VAC15-90-231; 4VAC15-50-81; 4VAC15-240-81; 4VAC15-90-241; 4VAC15-50-91; 4VAC15-240-91

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed amendments to the Chronic Wasting Disease, Deer & Muzzleloader Hunting, and Harvest Reporting regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler

**Virtual Speakers for Bear:**

Ms. Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding Bear.

**Bear & Wild Turkey:** 4VAC15-50-120; 4VAC15-240-20; 4VAC15-240-40; 4VAC15-240-40; 4VAC15-240-60

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed amendments to the bear & wild turkey regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler.

**Rabbits:** 4VAC15-200-15; 4VAC15-200-30; 4VAC15-200-50; 4VAC15-200-60

**Wildlife Diversity:** 4VAC15-20-130; 4VAC15-30-40; 4VAC15-360-60; 4VAC15-360-10;

The Chair called for a motion. Dr. Parker made a motion. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed amendments to the rabbit and wildlife diversity regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler. Nay: Boyd

**Lands and Access:** 4VAC15-20-100; 4VAC15-20-150; 4VAC15-20-151; 4VAC15-20-152

**Definitions & Miscellaneous:** 4VAC15-20-240

**General:** 4VAC15-40-220; 4VAC15-40-240

The Chairman called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed amendments to the lands & access, definitions & miscellaneous, and general regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

The Chair called for a break at 11:30 am

The Chair resumed the meeting at 11:45 am

The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a CWD update.  
4VAC15-90-10; 4VAC15-90-290

Mr. Godfrey gave a CWD update.

The Chair asked for questions and comments from the public and the Board Members.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources propose the amendments to the chronic wasting disease regulation for Disease Management Area 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler.

The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a presentation of information requested by the Board at the March 18, 2021 meeting related to the regulatory proposal to prohibit the award of prizes of value at predator hunting contest.

Mr. Godfrey presented the Predator Hunting Contest Information.

The Chair called for questions and comments.

**Speakers on Predator Hunting Contest: 4VAC15-20-260 (new)**

- Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Delegate Wampler spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Jason Groseclose spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Gilliam McPhee spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Michelle Lute spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Kyle Crickenberger spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Carroll Mayberry spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Ryan Borum spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- John McPherson spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Linda Greaves spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Nathaniel Brookbank spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Colton Leonard spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Austin Cramer spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Bryce Kalen spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Joseph Strosneider spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Cameron Gonder spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- John Alden spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Luke Hilgeman spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest

- Lucas Hughes spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Ben Shrader spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Heidi Crosky spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Stephanie Boyle Griffin spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- John Foden spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Allen Boynton spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Matt McHugh spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Sandy Estep spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Kyle Moses spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest
- Sydney Hearst spoke regarding Predator Hunting Contest

The Chairman called for a vote. Mr. Vincent made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources approve that the Regulations/Recommendation (4VAC15-20-260) be referred out for Public Comment. It was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler. Nay: Boyd

The Chair called for a break at 1:50 am  
The Chair resumed the meeting at 2:00 pm

**Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:**

The Chair called on Mr. Brian Vincent to give an update on the May 20, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Vincent gave an update on the virtual May 20, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Vincent gave an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public and the Board.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the 2021- 2022 Operating and Capital Budget. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

The Chair thanked Mr. Vincent for Committee and Board report.

**Law Enforcement Committee:** The Chair called on Mr. Washington to give an update on the virtual May 26, 2021 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the May 26, 2021 virtual Law Enforcement Committee meeting.



The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or the Board?

The Chair thanked Mr. Washington for his Committee update.

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:**

The Chair called on Ms. Karen Terwilliger to give an update on the May 26, 2021 Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee meeting.

Ms. Terwilliger gave an update on the May 26, 2021 virtual Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee meeting.

Ms. Terwilliger gave an overview of the VA Wildlife Viewing Plan.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public and the Board.

The Chair thanked Ms. Terwilliger for her report on the committee meeting and update on the VA Wildlife Plan.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the VA Wildlife Viewing Plan presented by staff and Virginia Tech. It was seconded by Mr. Adams.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler.

**Nominations Committee:** The Chair called on Dr. Mamie Parker for a Nominations Committee report.

Dr. Parker presented the nominations committee report and thanked Mr. Boyd and Mr. Sadler for serving on the Nominations Committee.

The Chair called for a motion. Dr. Parker made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Mr. Brian Vincent be elected Chair of the Department of Wildlife Resources Board July 1 for the 2021-2022 Board year. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

The Chair called for a motion. Dr. Parker made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that Mr. G. K. Washington be elected Vice Chair of the Department of Wildlife Resources Board July 1 for the 2021-2022 Board year. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd.

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler

**Director’s Report:**

The Board Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for his report: In the essence of time, the Director referred to the Chair.

**Chair’s Report:**

The Chair thanked staff for all the work in the last 14 months during Covid, and making the Board’s life easier and appreciated everything that was done during his tenure as Chair.

The Chair announced there would be a Special Call Board meeting in June 2021 to discuss Deer hunting with dogs.

**The Next Regular Board Meeting Date:**

The Chair announced that the next meeting date will be Thursday, August 19, 2021

**Closed Session:**

The Chair announced there would be a Closed Session. A motion was made by Chair Daniel and seconded by Mr. Washington. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

*Closed Meeting Motion  
May 27, 2021*

*Mr. Chair,*

*I move that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board, with respect to:*

- (i) Real property located in: Accomack and Frederick Counties*

*And Finally, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Department of Wildlife Resources specifically regarding:*

*(i) The performance of the Director.*

*This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests the Department's Executive Director, The Department's Deputy Director, and the Real Property Manager as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.*

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown and Sadler

The Board went into Closed Session at: 2:30 pm.

The Board reconvened from the Closed Session at 3:00 pm.

The Chairman called on Mr. Washington to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting  
May 27, 2021*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Wildlife Resources conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom Information Act; and*

*WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Wildlife Resources hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.*

It was seconded by Mr. Adams.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown and Sadler

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Frank Adams made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately 750+ acres of land in Accomack County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Brown. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown and Sadler.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board.

The Chair thanked the Executive Director and staff for making today's meeting possible and thanked Board members for their attendance and the work they continue to do for DWR during these times and asked if anyone had any further comments for today's meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boswell

/s/



## Teleconference/Video Board Meeting

DRAFT Board Minutes

Special Called Board Meeting on Hunting with Dogs  
Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive  
Henrico, VA 23228

June 28, 2021  
8:30 am

**Present:** Mr. John Daniel, II, **Chair**, Mr. Brian Vincent, **Vice Chair**; **Board Members:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Frank Adams, Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Rovelle Brown, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. Tom Sadler; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Ms. Becky Gwynn, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Darin Moore, Ms. Paige Pearson, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting by Teleconference.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 am. The Chair welcomed everyone attending the virtual meeting and thanked everyone for being able to attend by teleconference; The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chair, Mr. John Daniel announced that this meeting is proceeding under Item 4-0.01, subsection G of the Appropriation Act and section 2.2-3708.2 of the code of Virginia. It is being held by electronic communication, as the COVID-19 virus has made a physical meeting of the Board impracticable. This emergency imposed by COVID-19 is observed by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia. The Board's actions today shall be solely limited to those matters included on the agenda. All of these proposed actions are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and discharge lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Board. There will be no public comment on non-agenda item.

The Chair called on the Board Secretary for a roll call vote.

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote for Attendance: Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Brown and Sadler.

The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown who gave information pertaining to the special meeting and presented the Resolution that came before the Board for consideration. Director Brown explained that under the Board's Governance manual, special meetings may only be held for defined purposes. In this case, consideration of the four topics addressed in the draft Board Resolution. Executive Director Brown called on Mr. Cale Godfrey to give an overview of the written public comments received in advance of the Board meeting

Chair Daniel thanked Executive Director Ryan Brown and Mr. Godfrey for their presentations.

Chair Daniel asked if there were any questions from the Board for Director Brown or Mr. Godfrey.

Chair Daniel called on the speakers for The Old Dominion Property Owners Association for their ½ hour presentation.

Mr. Eric Gregory spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Mr. Judge Abram Charlton spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Mr. Jim Madeiros spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Mr. Eric Gregory spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Chair Daniel asked if there were questions from the Board members.

Chair Daniel called on the speakers for The VA Hunting Dog Alliance for their ½ hour presentation.

Mr. Kirby Burch spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Mr. John Morse spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Mr. Chuck Ellsworth spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Chair Daniel asked if there were questions from the Board members.

Chair Daniel thanked the both groups and their speakers for their presentations

Chair Daniel called for a break at 9:50 am  
Chair Daniel reconvened the meeting at 10:05 am

Tammy Jo Grimes arrived on line at 10:35 am

Chair Daniel called on speakers who had signed up on the web site asking to speak. They were:

Katie Abercrombie spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Ronald Wood spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Jason Mull spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Terry Colley spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
William Gillette spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Robert Williamson spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Timothy Ashlin spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Christopher Patton spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Steven Nicely spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Cliff Preddy spoke regarding hunting with dogs  
Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Todd Miller spoke regarding hunting with dogs

At the conclusion of public comments, Chair Daniel thanked the public commenters and called for Board questions and discussion. At the completion of questions and discussion from the Board Members, the Members went into Closed Session.

The Chair called on Ms. Terwilliger to read the Close Meeting Motion. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion.

The board secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, Sadler

The members went into Close Session at 10:50 am

*Closed Meeting Motion  
June 28, 2021*

*Mr. Chair,*

*I move that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.*

*This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests the Department Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and the Assistant Director of the Wildlife Division and the Legal Compliance Officer as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.*

The board meeting reconvened at 11:15 am.

The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown, Executive Director to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting  
June 28, 2021*



*WHEREAS, the Board of Wildlife Resources conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom Information Act; and  
WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Wildlife Resources hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.*

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Brian Vincent made a motion. Mr. Frank Adams seconded the motion.

The board secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Brown, Sadler.

Chair Daniel made a motion. Mr. Daniel moved to amend the Resolution to Defer Action on Item Number 1 of the Resolution and only vote on Items Number 2, 3 and 4 which would become Items Number 1, 2 and 3 on the Resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

The board secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Brown, Sadler.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am

Respectfully submitted,

/s/



# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES



## **DISEASE MANAGEMENT AREA 3**

*CWD REGULATION PROPOSALS*  
STAFF FINAL RECOMMENDATION

**August 2021**

**4VAC15-90-10**

**Game: Deer: Open season; generally.**

**Summary:**

The proposal is to allow (i) an early September antlerless only firearms deer season and a late (January through March) antlerless only firearms deer season in designated disease focus zones in Floyd, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties, and (ii) extend the general firearms season on non-national forest lands in Montgomery and Pulaski counties from two to four weeks.

**Proposed language of amendment:**

**4VAC15-90-10. Open season; generally.**

- A. It shall be lawful to hunt deer in the following localities, including the cities and towns therein, during the following seasons, all dates inclusive.

Locality	Season
Accomack County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Albemarle County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Alleghany County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Amelia County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Amherst County (west of Business U.S. 29 from the James River to its intersection with U.S. 29 just south of the Town of Amherst continuing north on U.S. 29 to the Tye River, except on national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Amherst County (national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Amherst County (east of Business U.S. 29, as defined above)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Appomattox County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Arlington County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Arlington County (antlerless deer only)	First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March
Augusta County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Bath County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Bedford County (except on national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Bedford County (national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Bland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following

Botetourt County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Brunswick County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Buchanan County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Buckingham County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Campbell County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Caroline County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Carroll County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Charles City County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Charlotte County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Chesapeake (City of)	October 1 through November 30
Chesterfield County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Clarke County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
<u>Clarke County (antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Craig County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Culpeper County (except Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Culpeper County (Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Culpeper County (private lands and antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October</u>

<u>Culpeper County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Cumberland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Dickenson County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Dinwiddie County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Essex County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Fairfax County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Fairfax County (antlerless deer only)	First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March
Fauquier County (except Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Fauquier County (Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Fauquier County (private lands and antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October</u>
<u>Fauquier County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Floyd County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
<u>Floyd County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Fluvanna County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Franklin County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Frederick County (non-national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January

Frederick County (national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Frederick County (non-national-forest lands antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Giles County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Gloucester County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Goochland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Grayson County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Greene County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Greensville County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Halifax County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Hanover County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Henrico County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Henry County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Highland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Isle of Wight County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
James City County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
King and Queen County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
King George County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January



King William County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Lancaster County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Lee County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Loudoun County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Loudoun County (antlerless deer only)	First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March
Louisa County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Lunenburg County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Madison County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
<u>Madison County (private lands and antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October</u>
<u>Madison County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Mathews County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Mecklenburg County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Middlesex County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Montgomery County ( <u>non-national forest lands</u> )	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for <del>14</del> <u>28</u> consecutive days following
<u>Montgomery County (national forest lands)</u>	<u>Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following</u>
<u>Montgomery County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>

Nelson County (west of Route 151, except on national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Nelson County (national forest lands)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Nelson County (east of Route 151)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
New Kent County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Northampton County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Northumberland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Nottoway County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Orange County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
<u>Orange County (private lands and antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October</u>
<u>Orange County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Page County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Page County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Patrick County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 28 consecutive days following
Pittsylvania County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Powhatan County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Prince Edward County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Prince George County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January

Prince William County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Prince William County (antlerless deer only)	First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March
Pulaski County (except on New River Unit of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant adjacent to the Town of Dublin <u>and national forest lands</u> )	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for <del>14-28</del> consecutive days following
Pulaski County (New River Unit of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant adjacent to the Town of Dublin)	Saturday prior to the second Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
<u>Pulaski County (national forest lands)</u>	<u>Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following</u>
<u>Pulaski County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Rappahannock County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
<u>Rappahannock County (private lands and antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October</u>
<u>Rappahannock County (disease focus zones defined by the Department, antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Richmond County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Roanoke County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Rockbridge County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Rockingham County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Russell County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Scott County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following

Shenandoah County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Shenandoah County (non-national forest lands antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Smyth County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Southampton County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Spotsylvania County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Stafford County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Suffolk (City of) (east of Dismal Swamp Line)	October 1 through November 30
Suffolk (City of) (west of Dismal Swamp Line)	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Surry County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Sussex County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Tazewell County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Virginia Beach (City of)	October 1 through November 30
Warren County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
<u>Warren (non-national forest lands antlerless deer only)</u>	<u>First Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in October and the Sunday following the first Saturday in January through the last Sunday in March</u>
Washington County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
Westmoreland County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January
Wise County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following

Wythe County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following
York County	Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January

B. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, east of the Blue Ridge Mountains deer may be hunted from the Saturday prior to the third Monday in November through the first Saturday in January, both dates inclusive, within the incorporated limits of any city or town that allows deer hunting.

C. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, west of the Blue Ridge Mountains deer may be hunted from the Saturday prior to the third Monday in November and for 14 consecutive days following within the incorporated limits of any city or town that allows deer hunting.

**Staff Final Recommendation – Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.**

**Rationale:**

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was confirmed in Montgomery County at the conclusion of the 2020 – 2021 deer hunting season. In response to this detection, Disease Management Area 3 (DMA3) was created and includes Floyd, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties. The addition of two weeks of general firearms season in Montgomery and Pulaski counties will bring these counties into alignment with Floyd County. This two-week extension of the general firearms season aims to achieve three goals: 1. Slow the spread and transmission of CWD, 2. Reduce deer populations to meet objectives in these two counties, and 3. Create consistent general firearms seasons in all DMA3 counties, thereby streamlining hunting regulations for these counties and minimizing confusion for hunters.

The proposed Disease Focus Zones (DFZ) will enable the Department to target additional harvest management approaches around new CWD detections as they are discovered. To be proactive, this proposal includes counties within the DMA where CWD has not been detected (e.g., Floyd, Pulaski). DFZs are defined as a local expansion of antlerless hunting opportunities in a focused area around an outlier CWD detection, which is located more than 5 miles from the nearest detection. DFZs will be defined using clear geographic boundaries and communicated before hunting season through the annual hunting and trapping booklet and on the Department’s website. The goals of expanded antlerless hunting opportunities in a DFZ are to slow disease transmission in the immediate vicinity of a detection and to increase testing opportunities for deer harvested in close vicinity to an outlier CWD detection.

## 4VAC15-90-290

### Game: Deer: Special quality deer management areas.

#### Summary:

The proposal is to repeal this regulation as Chronic Wasting Disease has been discovered within 25 miles of the special Fairystone quality deer management area.

#### Proposed language of amendment:

#### ~~4VAC15-90-290. Special quality deer management areas.~~

~~A. The board hereby designates the following areas posted by the Department of Wildlife Resources as special quality deer management areas with special antlered buck harvest.~~

~~B. Special Fairystone quality deer management area. It shall be unlawful to kill an antlered deer on the special Fairystone quality deer management area unless the deer has at least four antler points, each greater than one inch in length, on either the right or left antler.~~

**Staff Final Recommendation – Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.**

#### Rationale:

Antler point restrictions are designed to encourage an older male age structure within a local deer herd. However, data from across the eastern U.S. clearly shows that CWD infection rates are the highest in older male age classes. During the 2019-2020 Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment process, in order to reduce the risk of CWD transmission in deer populations where CWD has been confirmed, the Board of Wildlife Resources adopted a regulation amendment that prohibited the application of antler point restrictions in any county within 25 miles of a confirmed CWD positive location (4VAC15-90-290). Patrick County, which includes the Fairystone quality deer management area and its associated antler point restriction, is located within 25 miles of the recent CWD detection in Montgomery County. Removal of this special quality deer management area is therefore recommended.

# Board of Wildlife Resources Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee



August 18, 2021





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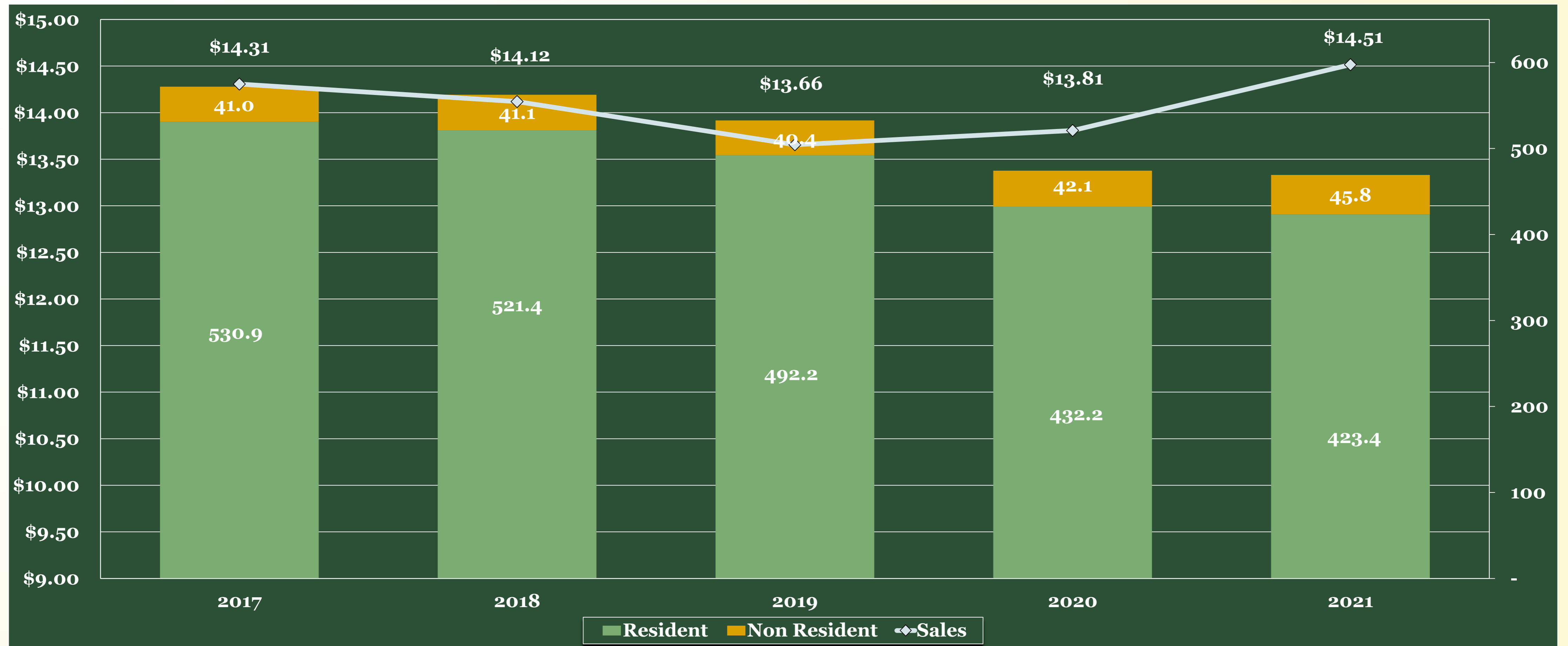
## **Financial Report as of 30 June 2021**





# FY17-21 Sales Comparison - Hunting

## Jul 1 – Jun 30

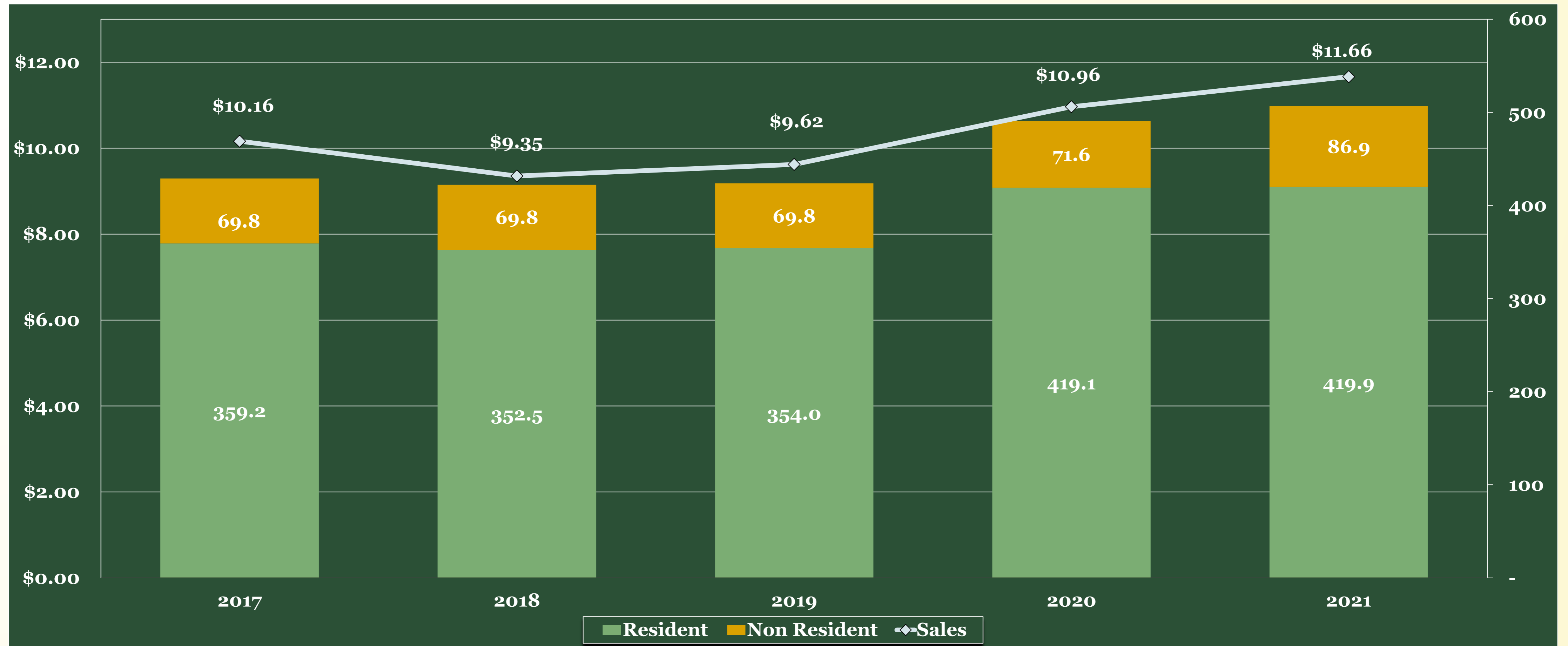


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# FY17-21 Sales Comparison - Fishing

## Jul 1 – Jun 30

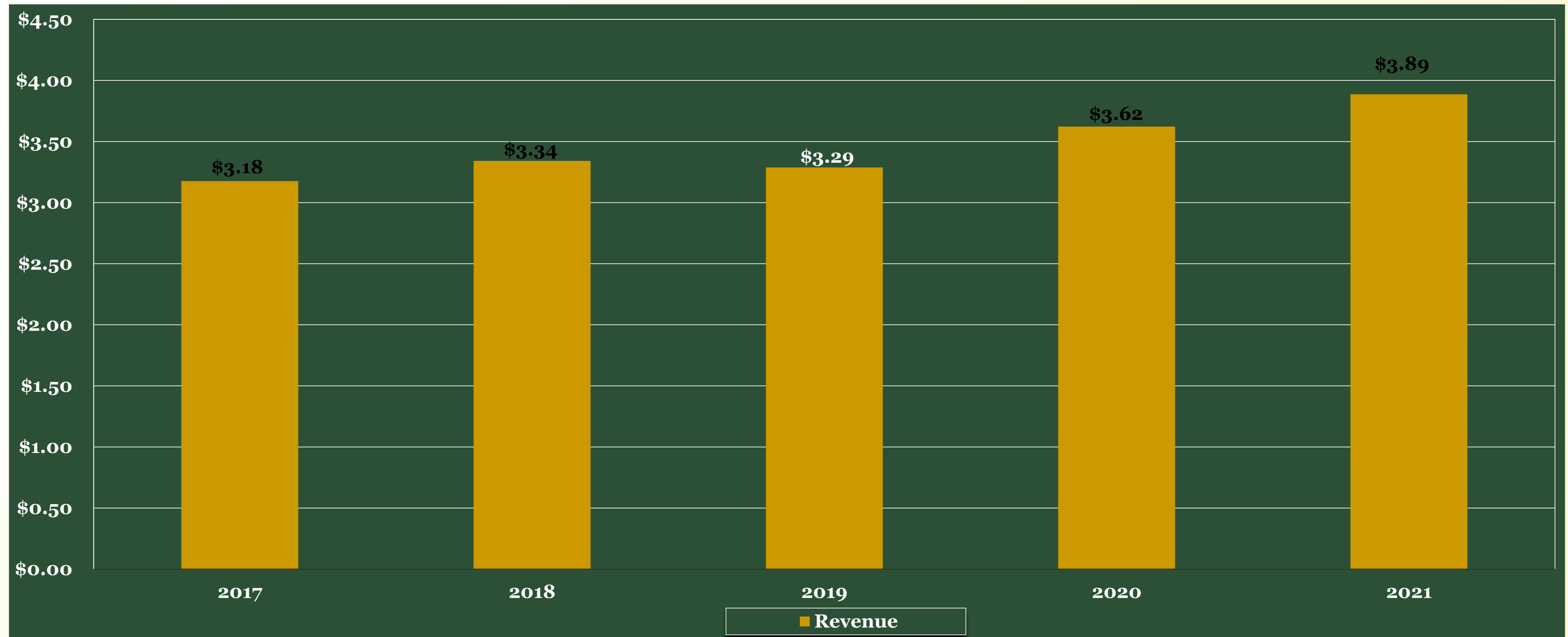


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# FY17-21 Revenue Comparison - Boat

## Jul 1 – Jun 30



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# FY18-21 Federal Revenue & Reimbursements

## Jul 1 – Jun 30

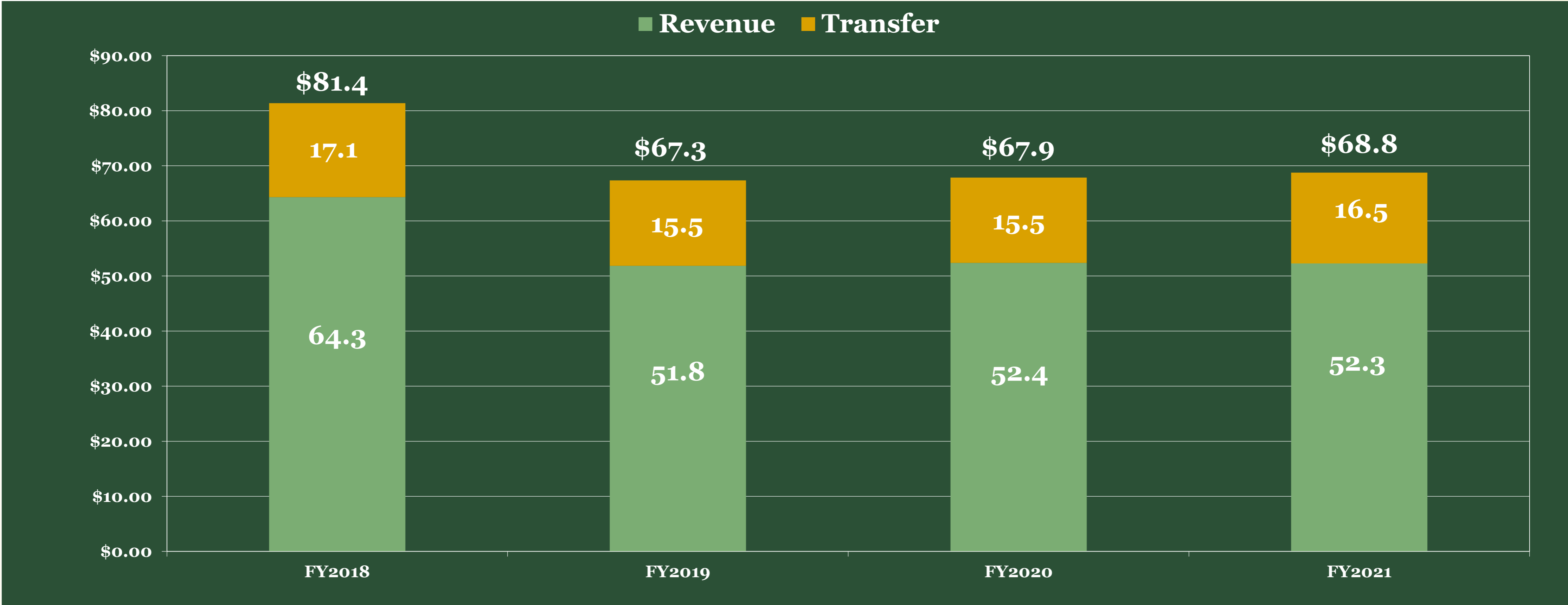
<b>Federal Grant Program</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>
<b>Wildlife Restoration (PR)</b>	\$19,668	\$12,792	\$10,304	\$6,986
<b>Sport Fish Restoration (DJ)</b>	\$3,087	\$3,693	\$3,515	\$3,241
<b>Boating Safety</b>	\$2,049	\$2,008	\$1,592	\$2,103
<b>State Wildlife Grant (SWG)</b>	\$1,519	\$1,208	\$1,145	\$966

\$ In Thousands



# FY18-21 Total Revenue and Transfers

## Jul 1 – Jun 30



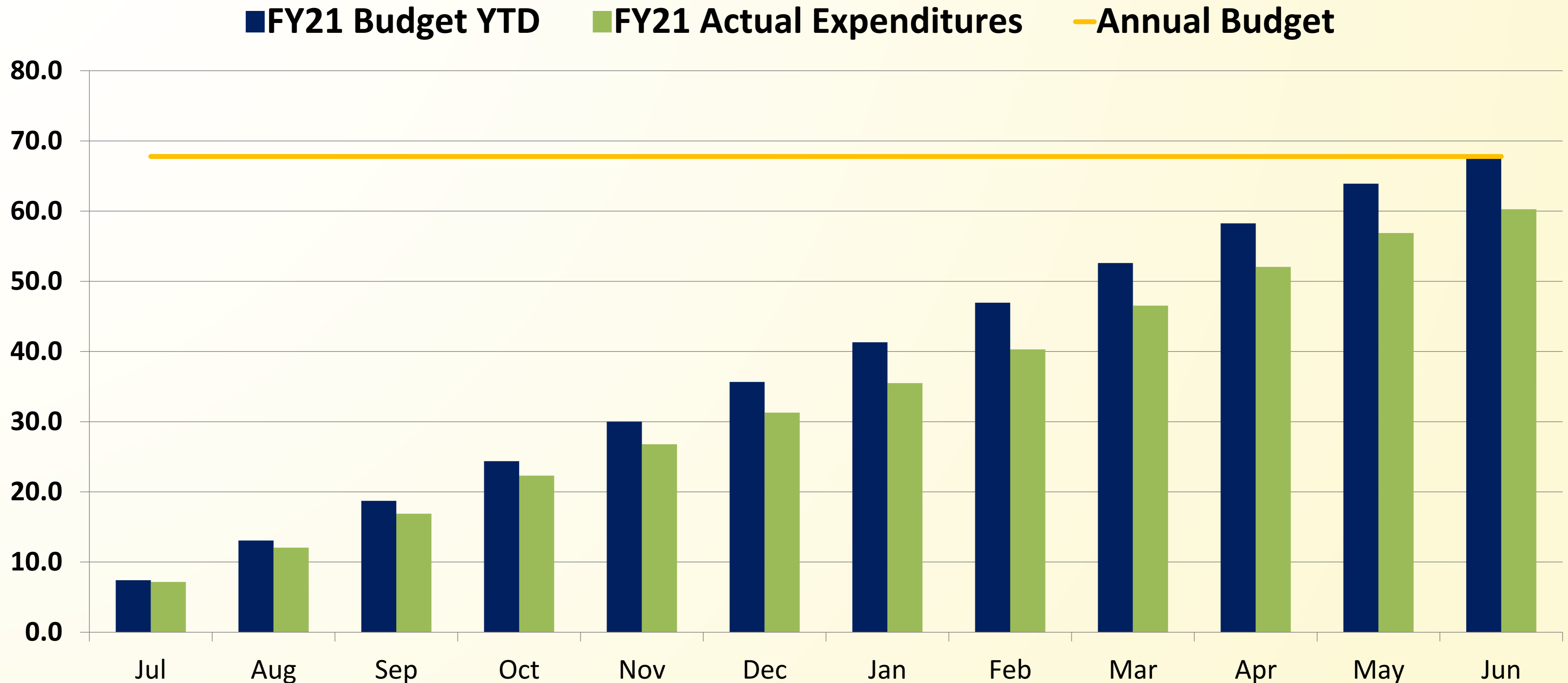
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\*FY18 includes Mitigation funds and additional PR funds for land purchases.



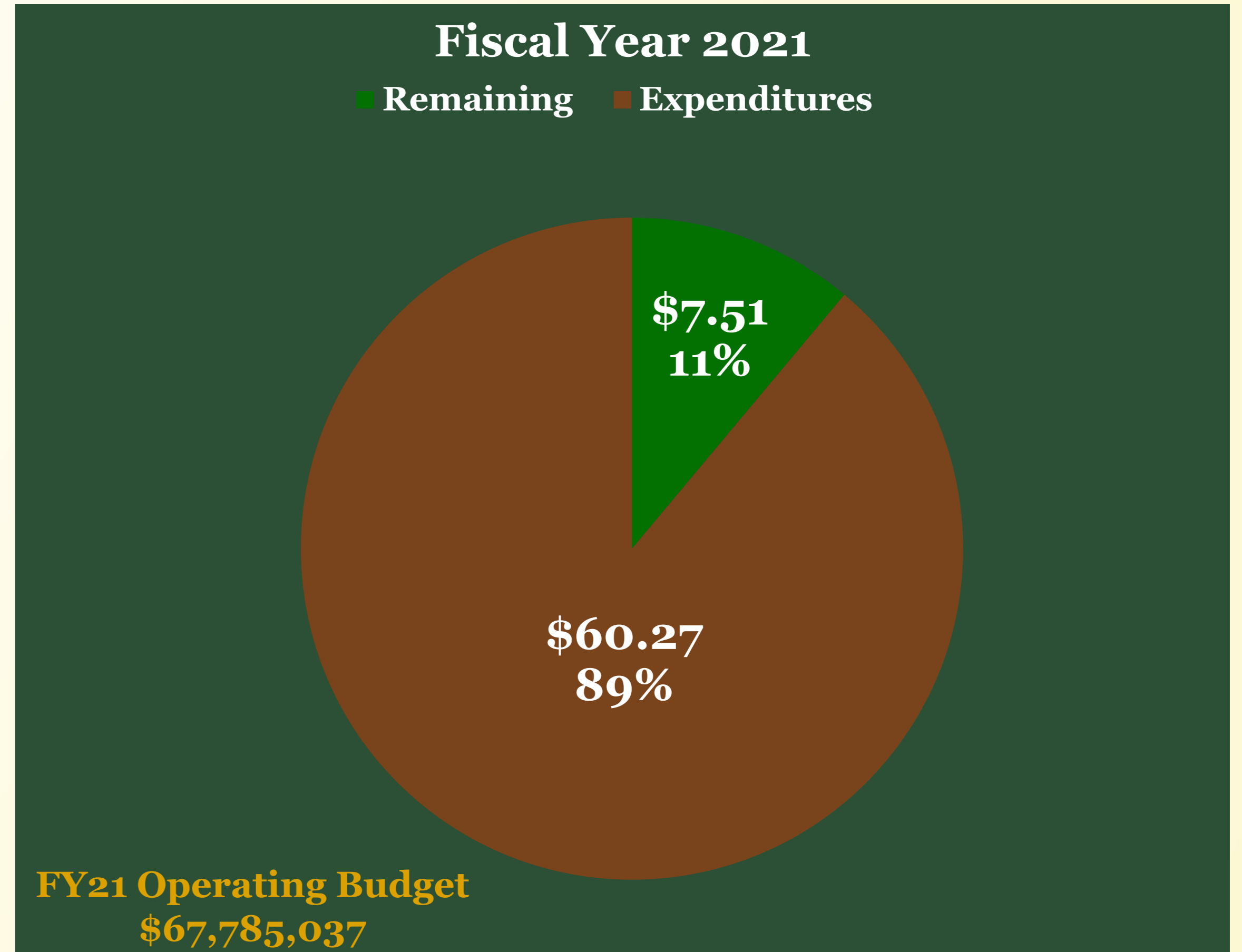
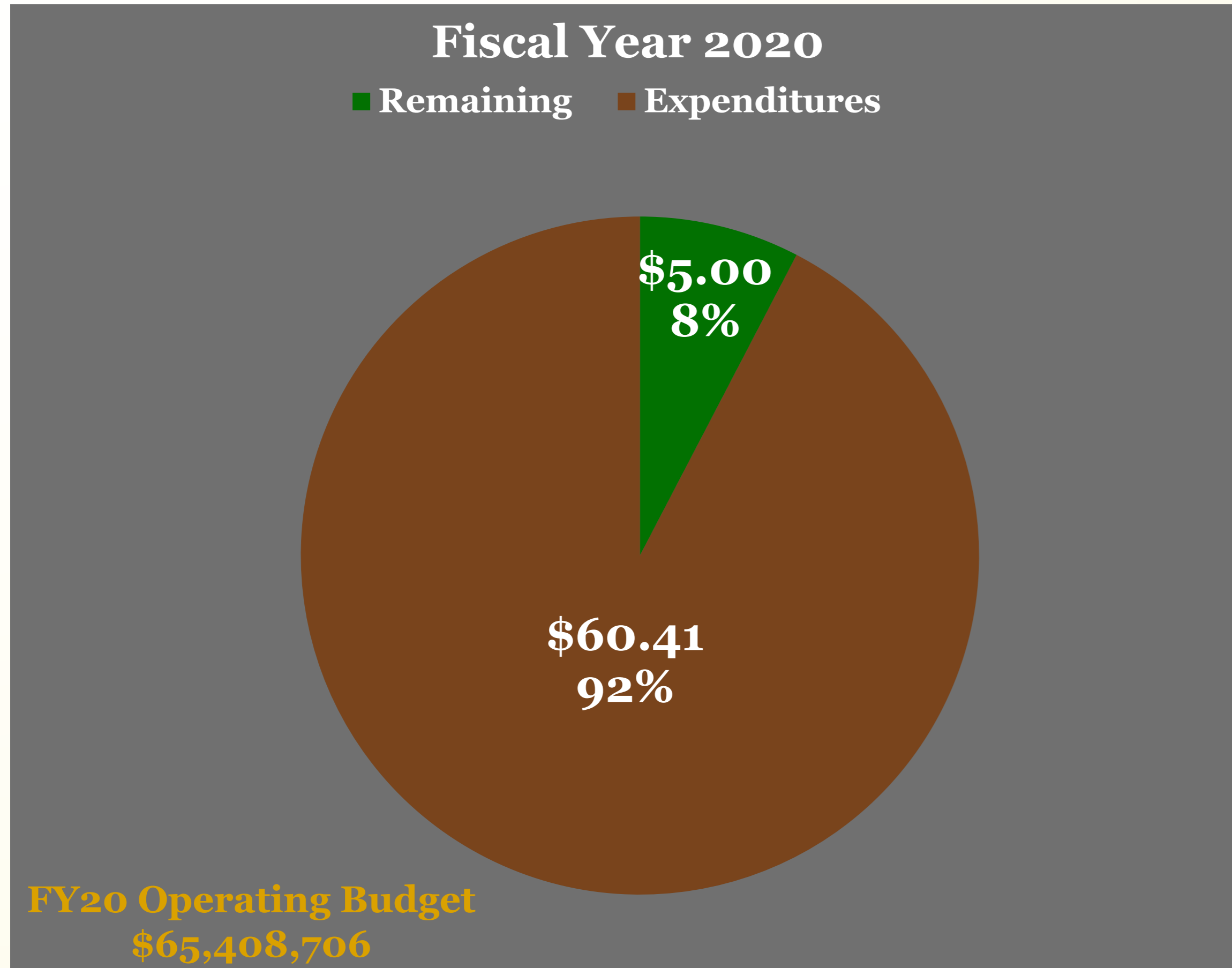
# FY21 Budget Performance

## Jul 1 – Jun 30



# FY2020-21 Operating Budget vs Expenditures

## Jul 1 – Jun 30

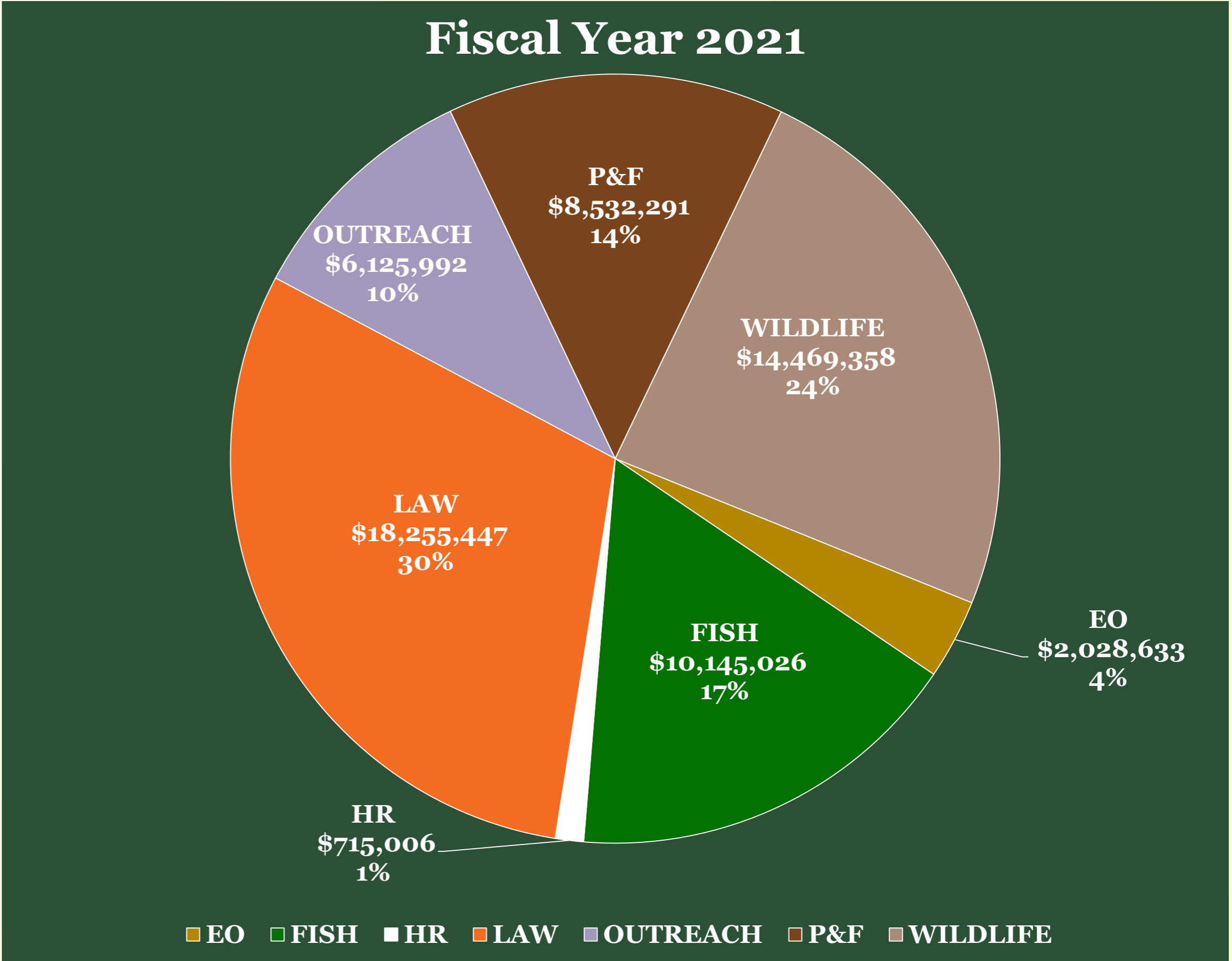
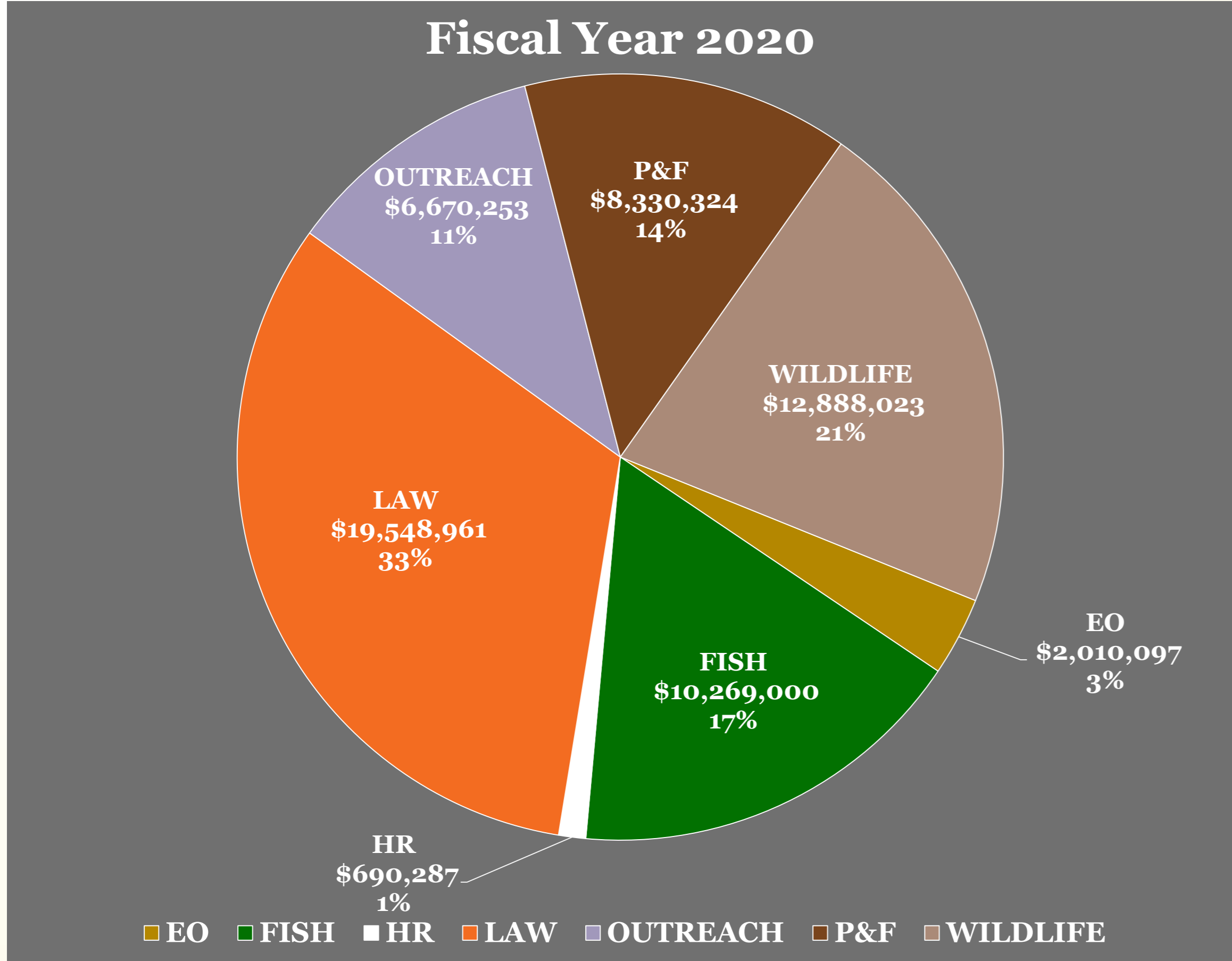


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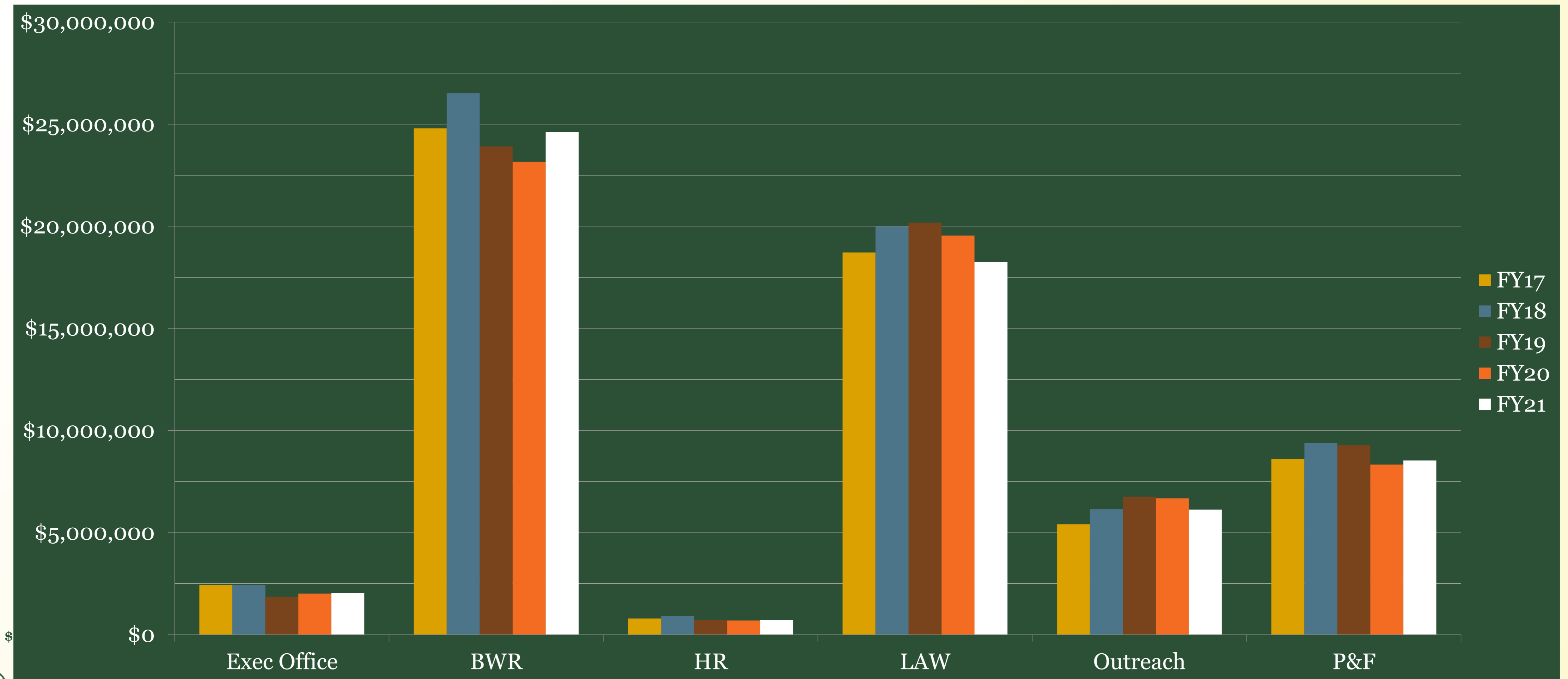
# FY2020-21 Operating Expenditures by Division

## Jul 1 – Jun 30



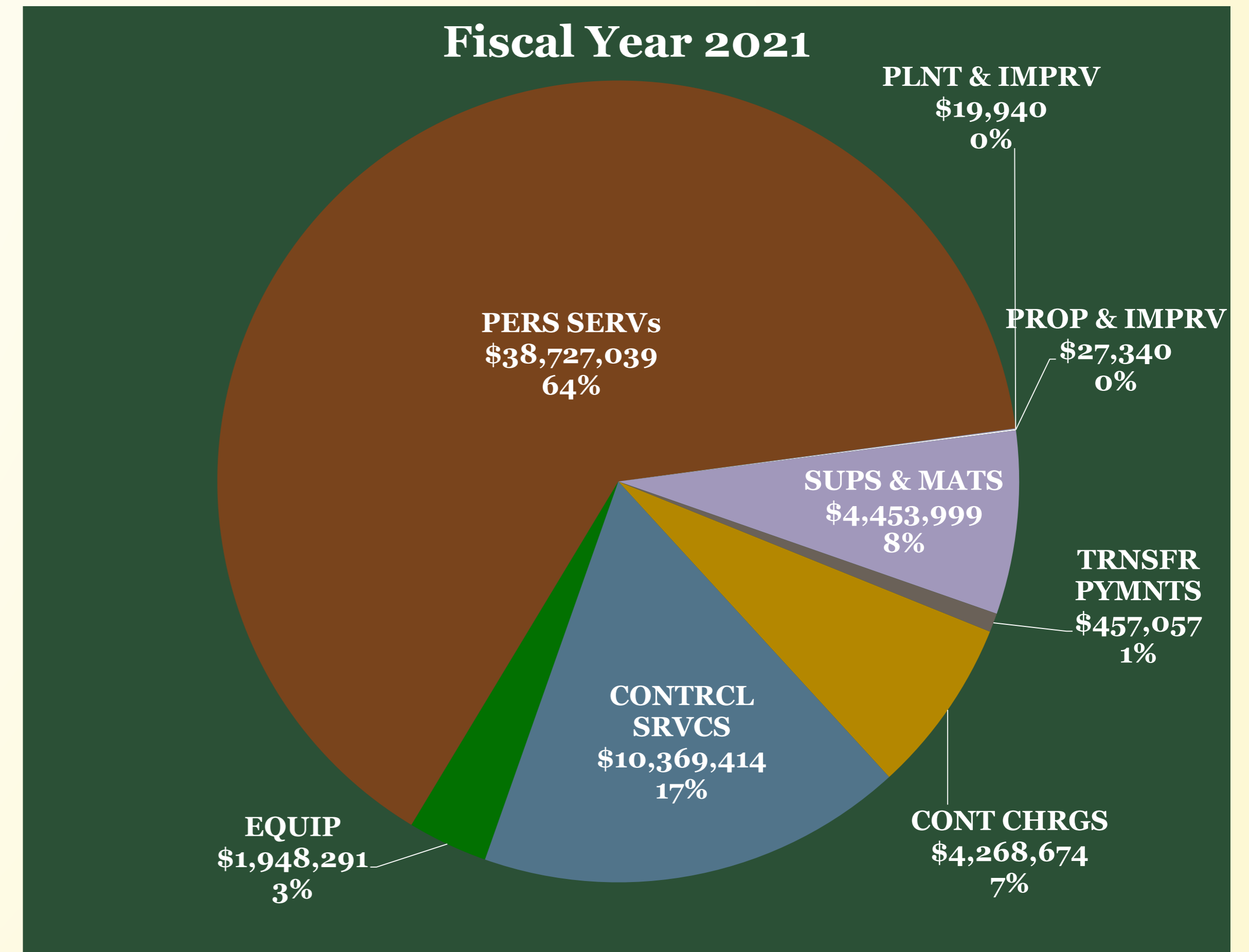
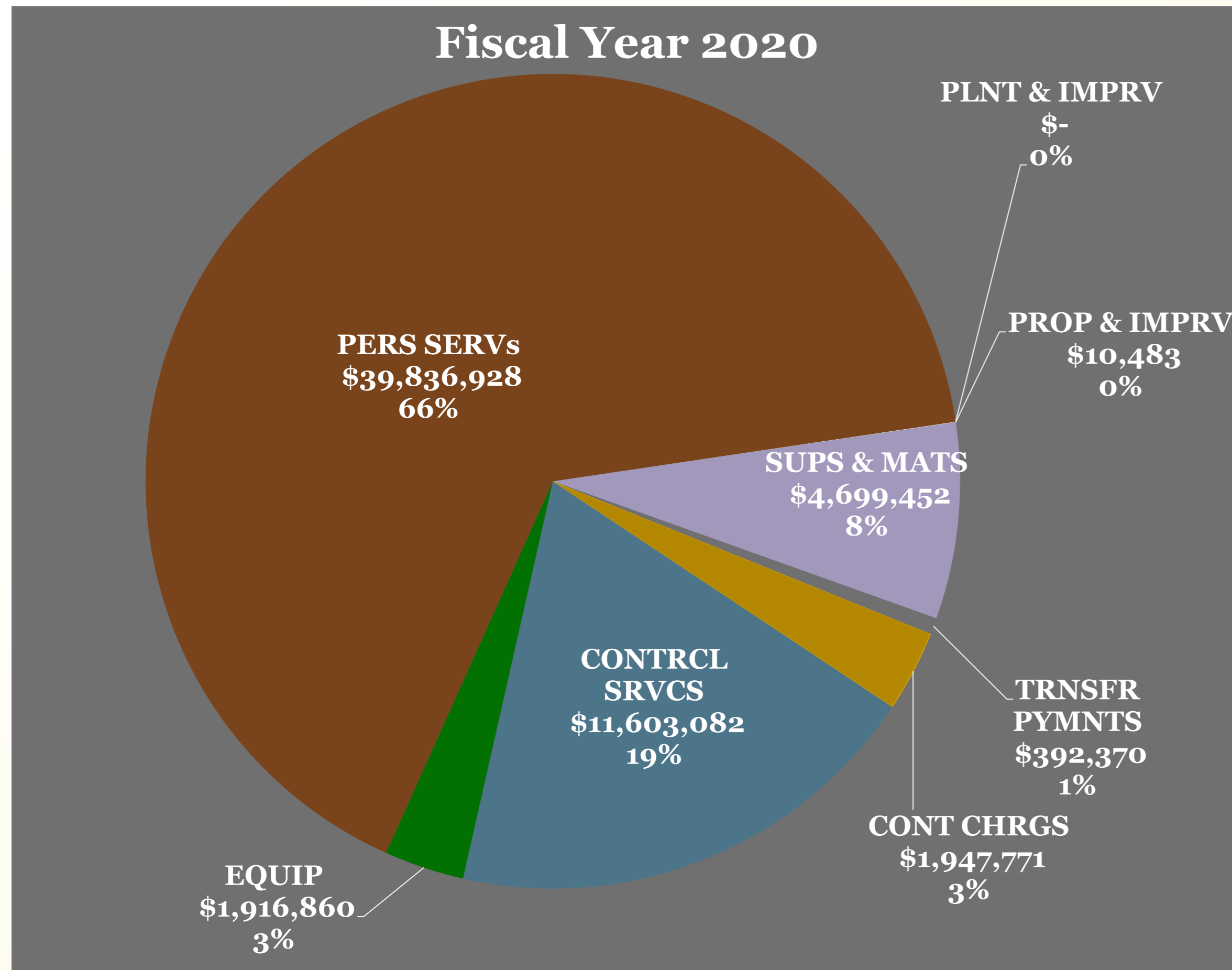


# FY17-21 Expenditure Trends by Division



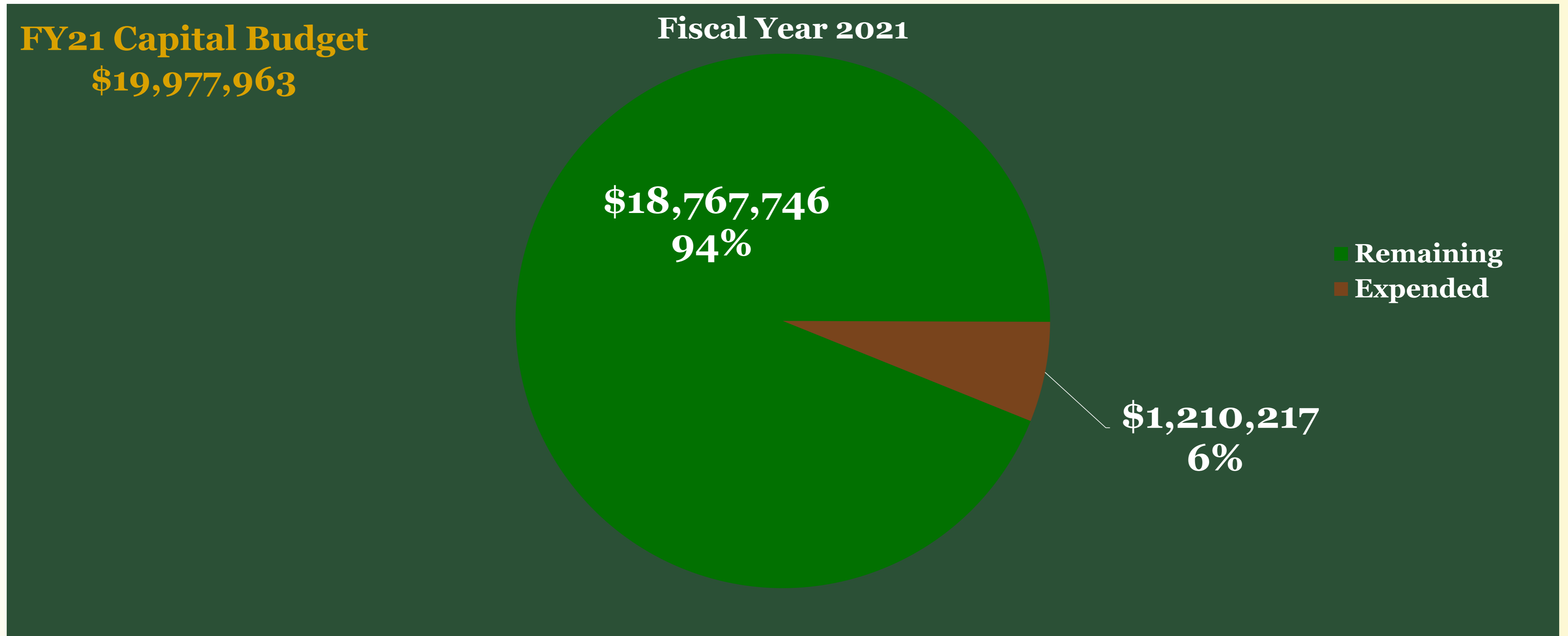
# FY2020-21 Operating Expenditures by Account

## Jul 1 – Jun 30



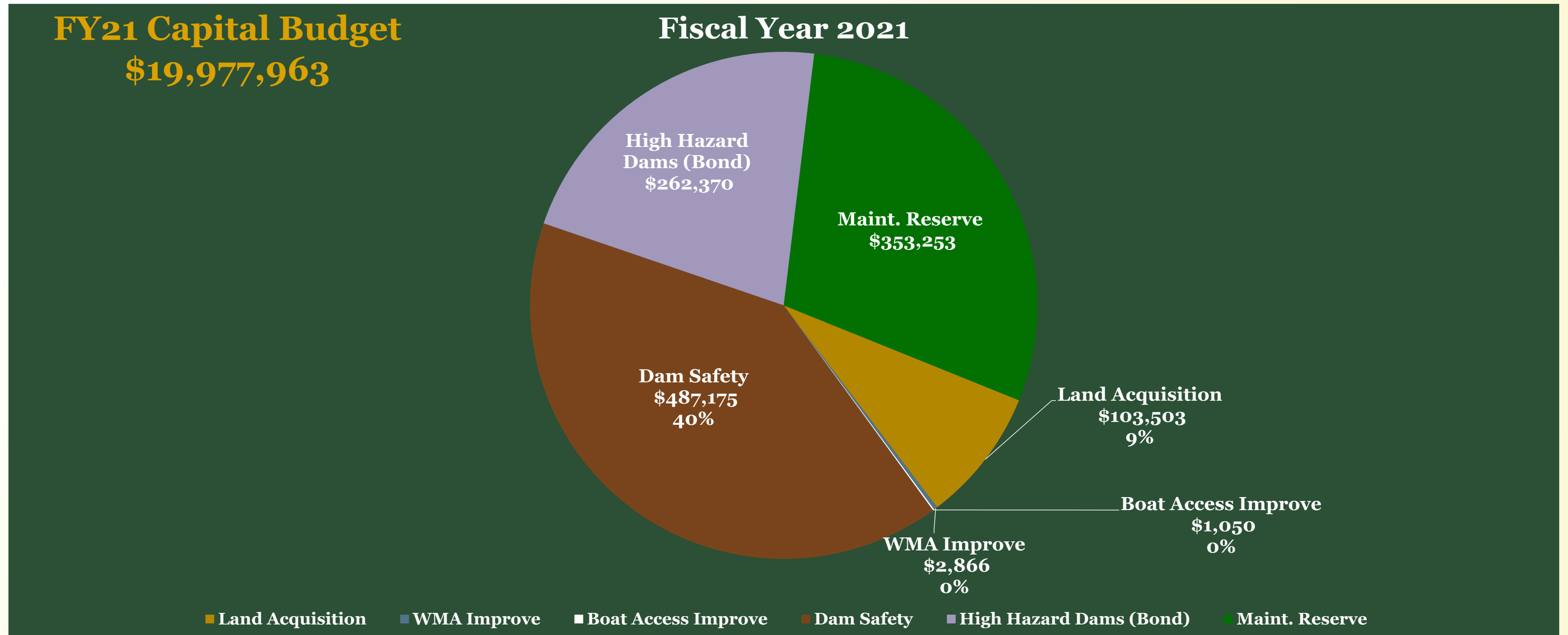
# FY2021 Capital Budget vs Expenditures

## Jul 1 – Jun 30

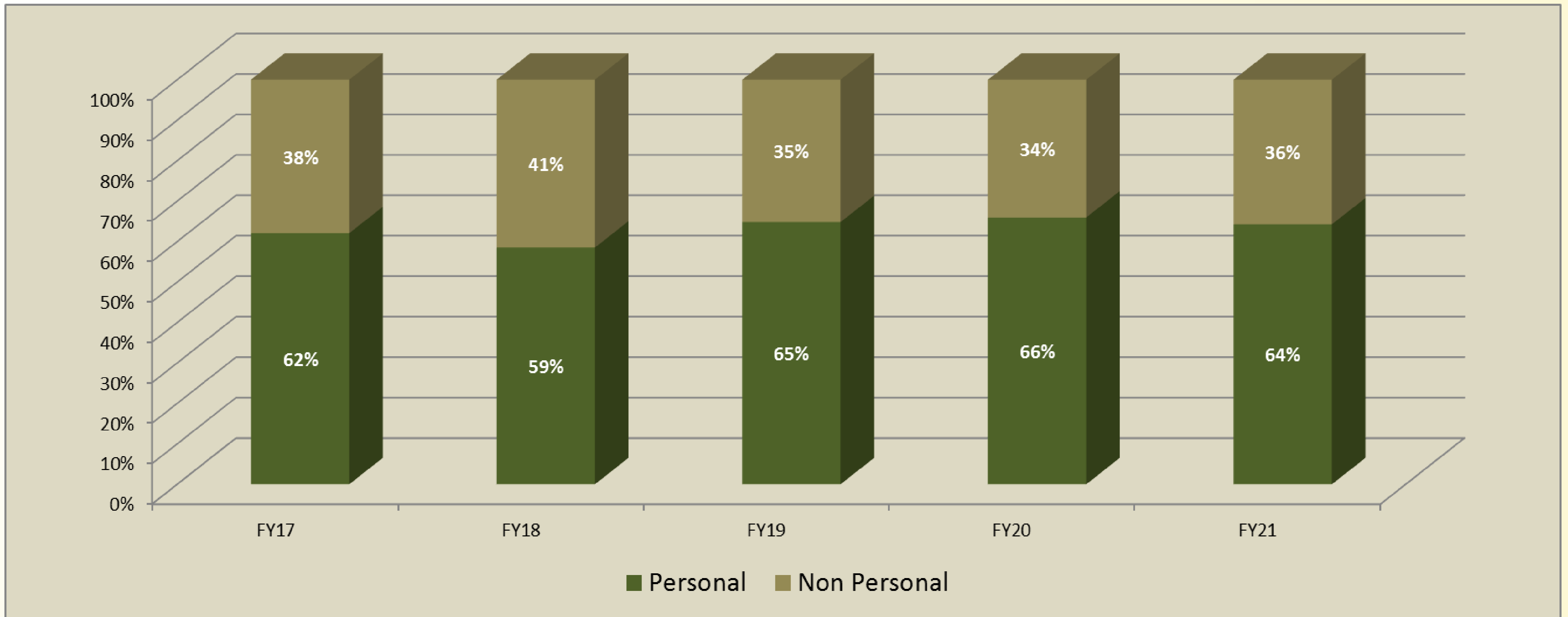


# FY2021 Capital Expenditures by Project

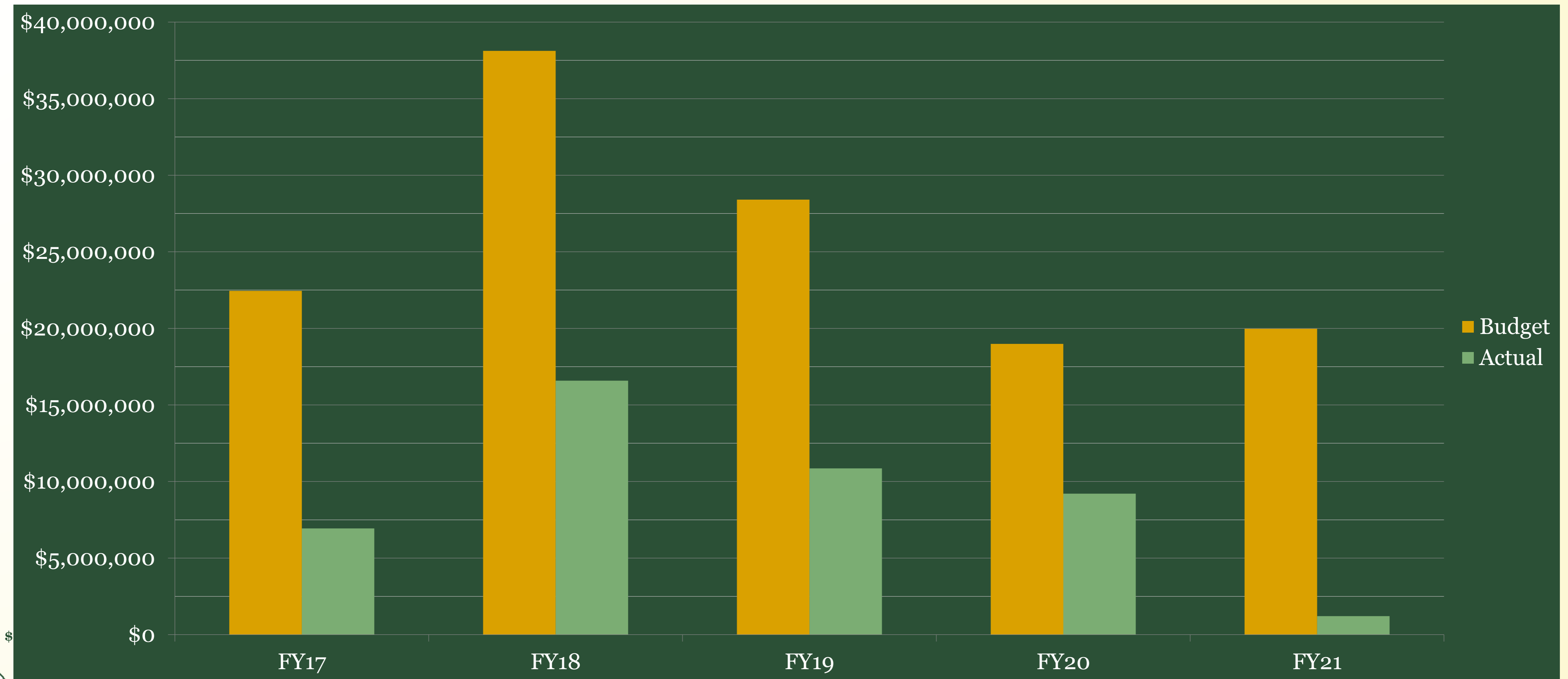
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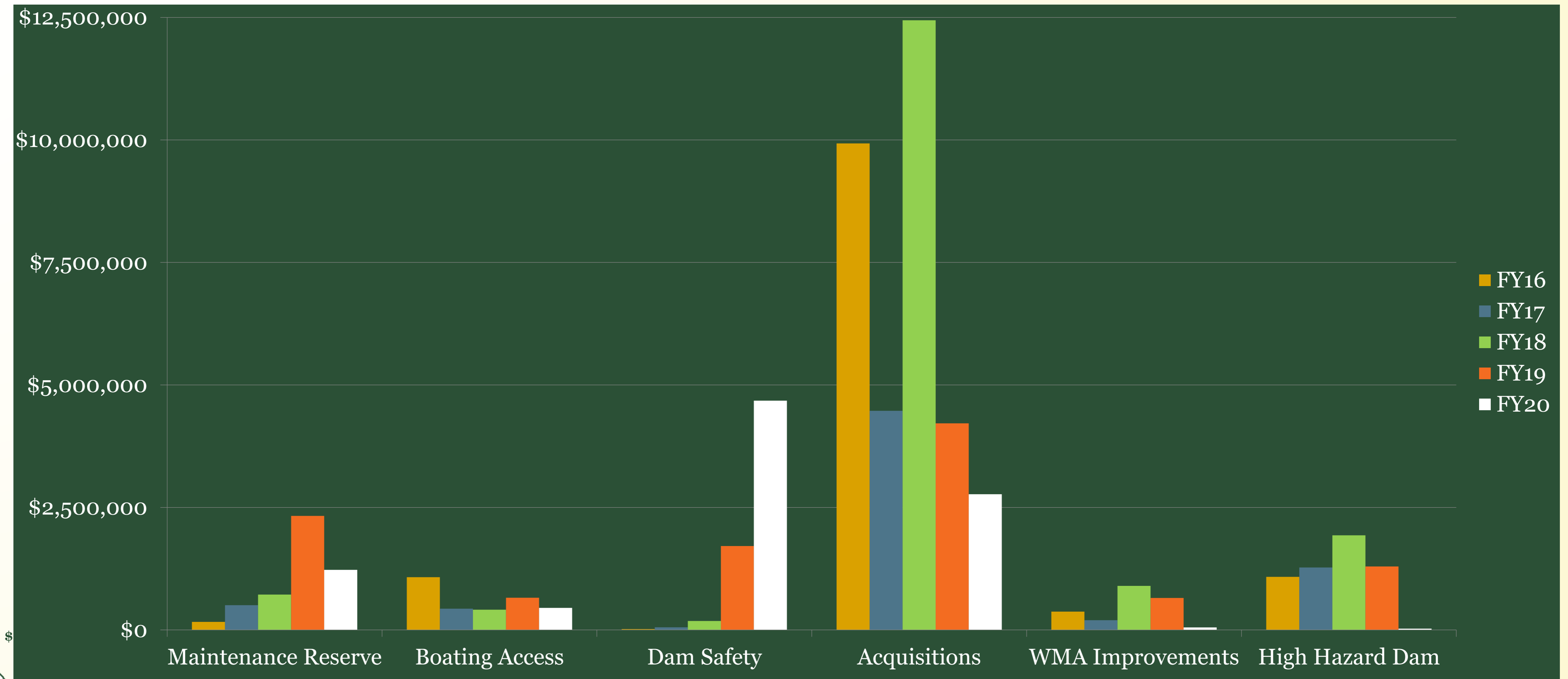
# FY2017-21 Agency Expenditure Trends



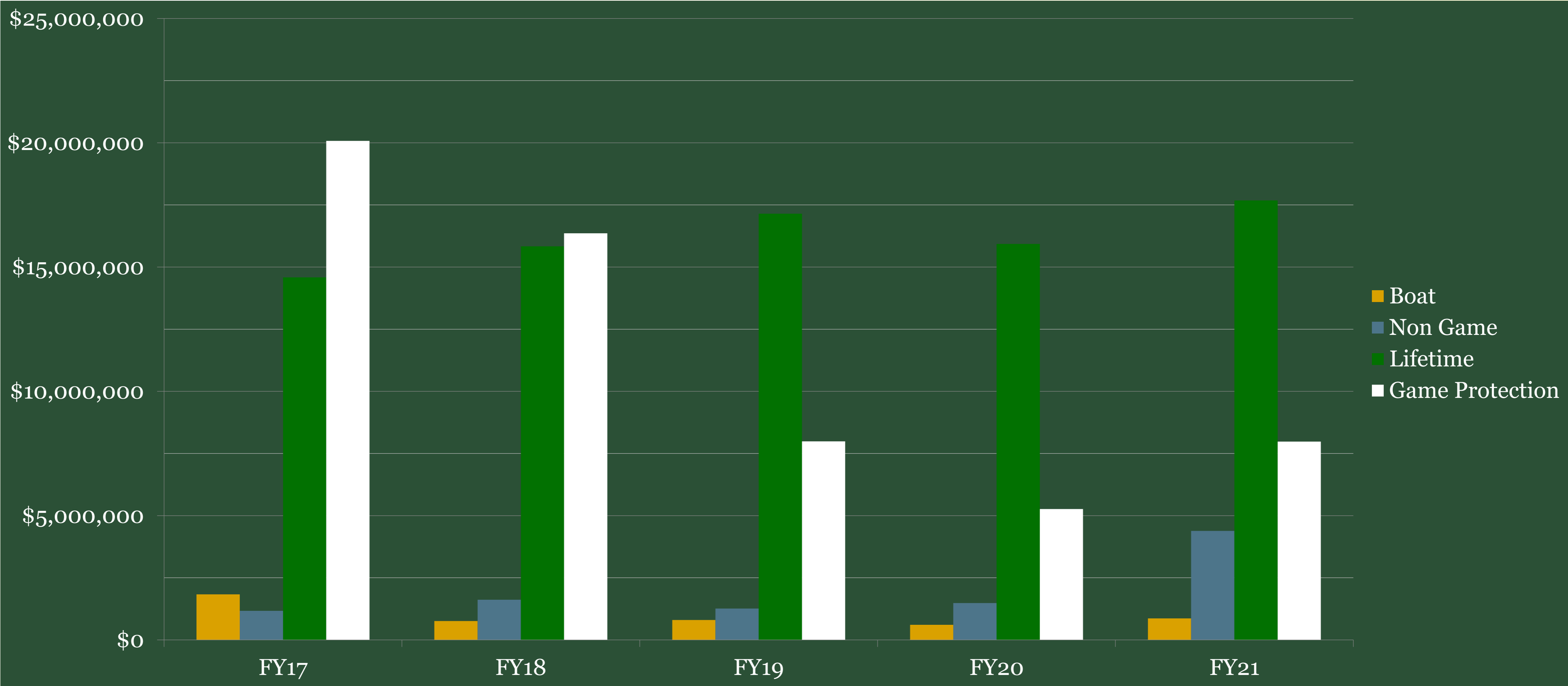
# FY2017-21 Capital Budget to Actual Trend



# FY2017-21 Capital Expenditures by Project



# FY2017-21 Year End Cash Balance





# FY21 Operating Budget

## Decision Points/Considerations: *Looking Back*

### License & Boat Revenue

“First of Year”  
July Sales

Fishing Licenses  
Sales June—  
August

Hunting License  
Sales September -  
-November

Non-Resident  
Licenses July—  
December

New Boat  
Registrations  
May—August

Boat Renewals  
April—September

### Federal Aid Rule Changes (Future Stimulus)

Extended  
timeframe for  
current Federal  
projects

Change in WSFR  
Match rate: 25% to  
10%

Extended  
Timeframe to  
obligate WSFR  
Funds: 2 to 3 years

Removed penalty  
for failure to  
obligate WSFR  
funds

Stimulus Funds

### Program Evaluations

Program Narrative  
Review June--  
September

Funding Stability  
& Constituent  
Review

Strategic/Future  
Planning

### Special Legislative Session

General Assembly  
activity

--August

--January

--August

### Fleet and Travel Evaluation

Vehicle  
Assignment  
Review

Training  
Assessment

Travel Needs  
(monitor  
conference and  
training schedules)



# 2020 Federal Audit

Federal Expenditures/Activities during SFY 2019-2020 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020)

Findings and Recommendations:

1. Ensuring the correct sub-recipient vs. contractor determinations for all third-party agreements
2. Treating Program funds correctly as pass-through for subawards or contracts
3. Ineligible Federal expenditures claimed by the University of Tennessee for the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI)
4. ***Ensuring the proper recording of equipment disposal***

Exit Interview occurred on August 10<sup>th</sup>



# New Normal Employee Survey Report

Recent survey of all DWR employees to help inform our policies and other decisions with regards to telework, training, professional development, communication, and other workforce support considerations.

Survey says.....

