

# Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission

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**Statutory Authority:**

The duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Game and Parks Commission are outlined in the Revised Statutes of Nebraska as follows: Chapter 37, Game and Parks, Articles 1 through 10 and Article 12, portions of Chapter 81 related to the Environmental Trust and portions of Chapter 72 related to the Niobrara Council. In addition, numerous miscellaneous statutes applicable to our law enforcement activities are contained in Chapters 28, 29, 39, 53, 54, 60 and 74.

**Vision Statement:**

Strive to: establish, maintain, and enhance fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreational opportunities; enhance public support for and awareness of agency activities, and maintain a public perception of fairness in resource allocation and conflict resolution; be sensitive to politics and maintain credibility with others in state and federal government; be adaptable and innovative in response to change; operate through participative decision making; and, maintain a motivated workforce.

**Mission Statement:**

The Game and Parks Commission has adopted the following Mission Statement to describe the agency's purpose and to serve as a foundation for its organization: "The Game and Parks Commission is responsible for the stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources."

**Goals:**

The Game and Parks Commission is responsible for the stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreational resources in the best long-term interest of the people and those resources. Each of our operating and capital programs have defined goals and objectives, which if examined collectively, translate into six broad agency goals.

**Financial Data:**

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	8,822,744	9,009,552	10,358,867	9,146,009	10,345,034	9,415,402
Cash Fund	42,139,497	51,941,599	58,847,866	59,889,739	50,570,503	52,585,275
Federal Fund	2,204,459	344,168	220,188	228,534	220,168	239,459
Revolving Fund	0	19,000	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>53,166,700</b>	<b>61,314,319</b>	<b>69,426,901</b>	<b>69,264,282</b>	<b>61,135,705</b>	<b>62,240,136</b>

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 162 - Nebraska Environmental Trust

### Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) operates under the authority of 81-15,167 through 81-15,176. Funding for the NET activities is provided primarily from proceeds of the State Lottery and interest earnings through the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (23290) and the Nebraska Environmental Endowment Fund (23430).

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	19,000	0	19,000	0
Cash Fund	6,356,390	11,432,175	18,457,073	18,454,258	10,057,656	10,066,409
Federal Fund	1,374	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	19,000	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,357,764</b>	<b>11,451,175</b>	<b>18,476,073</b>	<b>18,454,258</b>	<b>10,076,656</b>	<b>10,066,409</b>

### Performance Measures:

Audits conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts will serve to measure the administrative handling and accountability of Trust funds.

On-site inspections of Trust-funded projects will ensure that monies are spent for program purposes and will serve to measure their role in satisfying the goal of the Trust.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 330 - Habitat Development

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### Program Objectives:

This program satisfies elements of the Wildlife Habitat Plan which was approved by the Legislature during the 1977 session. More specifically, this program provides for the preservation and development of wildlife habitat on privately owned lands and for the improvement of wildlife habitat on existing and recently acquired State Wildlife Management Areas and on other public lands when compatible with the primary ownership objectives of such lands.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,969,752	3,348,880	3,348,880	3,383,852	3,363,714	3,423,906
Federal Fund	495,476	0	0	1,181	0	2,344
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,465,228</b>	<b>3,348,880</b>	<b>3,348,880</b>	<b>3,385,033</b>	<b>3,363,714</b>	<b>3,426,250</b>

### Performance Measures:

Evaluation measures, which are partially cost/benefit based, focus on habitat establishment or habitat improvement success, wildlife production response, and constituency satisfaction.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 336 - Wildlife Conservation

### Program Objectives:

This program provides for the perpetuation and enhancement of all fish and wildlife resources for consumptive and nonconsumptive uses and for the protection and enhancement of associated habitats. Included is a wide array of functions to include activities such as protection of wildlife resources and their habitats, propagation of wildlife resources and their habitats, management of outdoor recreation opportunities, education of public and special interest groups (youth, hikers, boaters, etc.), technical assistance to private landowners and other governmental agencies, etc.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	952,993	1,065,691	1,458,954	1,087,059	1,323,574	1,131,884
Cash Fund	15,453,244	18,103,266	17,928,904	18,520,665	17,955,176	19,035,325
Federal Fund	1,520,795	95,168	95,168	102,353	95,168	112,115
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,927,032</b>	<b>19,264,125</b>	<b>19,483,026</b>	<b>19,710,077</b>	<b>19,373,918</b>	<b>20,279,324</b>

### Performance Measures:

Performance measures, which will be diverse and vary greatly from subprogram to subprogram, will include activities or measurements such as: numbers of field checks and arrests; level of compliance to statutes, rules and regulations; wildlife (all inclusive) population levels; participation levels and harvest success; public's response to, demand for, and acceptance of services and goods; demand for outdoor educational programs; numbers of accidents and fatalities related to outdoor activities; and, cost/benefit ratios.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 337 - Administration

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### Program Objectives:

This program provides for administrative and support functions for the entire agency. Included in this program are the following entities: Director and staff; Budget and Fiscal Division to include Accounting, Permitting and Customer Service, Purchasing and Inventory, and the Budget Sections; Realty and Environmental Services Division; Board of Commissioners; Administrative Division to include Personnel Section, Building Maintenance, Switchboard, and clerical personnel in the district offices; Federal Aid Section which includes oversight of the Agency Library; and, the Information and Technology Section.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	663,761	669,676	669,676	677,592	669,676	699,189
Cash Fund	2,996,350	3,413,304	3,413,304	3,527,071	3,430,094	3,637,026
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,660,111</b>	<b>4,082,980</b>	<b>4,082,980</b>	<b>4,204,663</b>	<b>4,099,770</b>	<b>4,336,215</b>

### Performance Measures:

Established procedures, rules, policies and/or guidelines governing the administrative and support functions provided to the entire agency under this program are reviewed and monitored on a regular and ongoing basis by staff and by representatives of various other agencies, both state and federal. Their findings serve as performance measures.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 338 - Niobrara Council

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### Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Legislature reiterated the importance of the Niobrara River corridor and the need to preserve its' natural diversity as well as the valuable leadership role that the Niobrara Council plays in maximizing cooperation between local landowners, other Nebraska citizens, and local, state and federal governments when it adopted LB 1234 (Ninety-sixth Legislature, Second Session). This was a reconstitution of the Council previously defined under LB 656: AM2782 and accompanying financial assistance under LB 656A (Ninety-fifth Legislature, Second Session). Legislative Bill 1234A provided a continuation of financial assistance to the Council for FY 2001 and intent for assistance in the 2002-2003 Biennium period. Annual appropriations have continued since that time.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recorm FY06	Request FY07	Recorm FY07
General Fund	41,400	40,986	50,000	40,986	50,000	40,986
Cash Fund	48,427	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Federal Fund	156,427	249,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>246,254</b>	<b>290,986</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>166,986</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>166,986</b>

### Performance Measures:

The terms and conditions established by the Legislature in LB 1234 (Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 72-2001 et. seq., R.R.S. 2001) applicable to the Council's membership and to the use of the appropriated funds will serve as performance measures.

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### Program 549 - Administration & Operation Of Parks

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#### Program Objectives:

This program is responsible for the administration and management of the Nebraska State Park system, which includes 8 State Parks, 65 State Recreation Areas, 11 State Historical Parks and sites, and 2 State Recreational Trails. The program, which is funded under the General Fund and the State Park Cash Revolving Fund (23330), consists of two subprograms, one of which provides for administrative activities and the other provides for operating and maintenance functions.

#### Financial Data:

	<u>Actual FY04</u>	<u>Approp FY05</u>	<u>Request FY06</u>	<u>Recom FY06</u>	<u>Request FY07</u>	<u>Recom FY07</u>
General Fund	4,557,135	4,608,171	4,956,473	4,682,652	5,093,434	4,811,032
Cash Fund	11,621,321	12,663,762	12,763,741	12,871,362	12,779,899	13,170,213
Federal Fund	30,387	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,208,843</b>	<b>17,271,933</b>	<b>17,720,214</b>	<b>17,554,014</b>	<b>17,873,333</b>	<b>17,981,245</b>

#### Performance Measures:

Administrative reviews to include on-site inspections are conducted to ensure areas in the State Parks system are providing quality recreational experiences to the visiting public, are maintained in the best long-term interest of the State and are operated and maintained within the fiscal limits as defined by the budget that is developed for each area.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 550 - Planning & Trails Coordination

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### Program Objectives:

This program provides for activities related to federal and state grant program administration, comprehensive planning, trails coordination, and canoe access site administration and maintenance. This program consists of two subprograms for administrative purposes (550-17, Planning/Land and Water, and 550-19, Trails Coordination).

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	139,988	133,447	421,820	133,531	408,420	137,295
Cash Fund	57,972	138,705	0	139,430	0	140,169
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,960</b>	<b>272,152</b>	<b>421,820</b>	<b>272,961</b>	<b>408,420</b>	<b>277,464</b>

### Performance Measures:

Administering federal grant programs and funds efficiently and equitably in accord with established guidelines, satisfying requests for information and assistance in a timely manner, successfully meeting established deadlines for the preparation and distribution of plans and updated plans, and the public's response to and acceptance of recreational trails and riverine or canoe trails are but a few of the performance measures that will be used to evaluate this program.

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### Program 617 - Engineering, Area Maintenance & Snowmobile

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**Program Objectives:**

This program consists of three subprograms and provides for services and activities relating to general engineering functions associated with capital development and major renovation projects, site planning and design of areas and facilities, general maintenance of all areas and facilities, and for the establishment of snowmobile trails on public and private lands.

**Financial Data:**

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	2,467,467	2,491,581	2,782,944	2,524,189	2,780,930	2,595,016
Cash Fund	2,390,383	2,639,864	2,639,864	2,696,934	2,647,864	2,766,055
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,857,850</b>	<b>5,131,445</b>	<b>5,422,808</b>	<b>5,221,123</b>	<b>5,428,794</b>	<b>5,361,071</b>

**Performance Measures:**

The three subprograms covered under this program provide for a variety of activities pertaining to the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of commission owned or managed areas and facilities that satisfy a wide range of administrative needs and public demands. Comments communicated to the agency by professionals in such fields as park planning, landscape architecture, wildlife management, and engineering, and by the public serve as indicators of the subprogram's effectiveness.

## Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 628 - Credit Card Discount Sales

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### Program Objectives:

This program is an accounting program established by the Department of Administrative Services to record as an expenditure the difference between the fee charged for goods or services as established by the Commission and the amount actually received for such sales when the customer uses a credit card. Any negotiated discount, processing, or transaction fee imposed by a credit card company or third-party merchant bank will be considered as an administrative expense and charged to this program.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	245,658	200,643	295,100	295,167	345,100	345,172
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>245,658</b>	<b>200,643</b>	<b>295,100</b>	<b>295,167</b>	<b>345,100</b>	<b>345,172</b>

### Performance Measures:

To ensure that this program is administered in an efficient manner, the cost-benefit ratio will be considered before additional areas are brought on-line and our cost accounting system will be monitored to make sure that administrative costs (discount, processing and transaction fees) are charged to the applicable fund.