

FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	% Change Over FY01	FY03 Recommended	% Change Over FY02
SEG-O	0	90,000	0.0	126,700	40.8
TOTAL	0	90,000	0.0	126,700	40.8

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	FTE Change From FY01	FY03 Recommended	FTE Change From FY02
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Governor recommends creating a Fox River Navigational System Authority to oversee the navigational system on the Fox River after the federal government transfers the system to the state. The authority's primary responsibility will be to repair, rehabilitate, replace, operate and maintain the navigational system. To meet this responsibility, the authority will manage the federal monies received by the state to ensure that sufficient funds are available for repair and rehabilitation of the system. The authority will also partner with local communities to provide funding required to match the federal monies received.

The authority will be governed by a nine-member board of directors, six of whom are appointed by the Governor. The other board members will consist of the secretaries of the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, and the director of the State Historical Society.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Creation of Fox River Navigational System Authority
2. Initial Costs

1. Creation of Fox River Navigational System Authority

The Governor recommends creating a Fox River Navigational System Authority to rehabilitate, repair, replace, operate and maintain the navigational system on the Fox River. The authority would be created upon the transfer of the navigational system to the state by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and would replace the Fox River Management Commission and the Fox-Winnebago Regional Management Commission. The authority would be governed by a board of directors consisting of the secretaries of the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, the director of the State Historical Society, and six individuals appointed by the Governor. The authority would receive approximately \$10 million FED upon the transfer of the navigational system and an additional \$5.5 million FED over the next ten years contingent on a state and local match. The state share of the match funding would be provided through a recreational boating grant from the Department of Natural Resources (see Department of Natural Resources, Item #13). The authority would make its best effort to contract with a nonprofit entity located in a community or communities along the Fox River for investment of the state and federal funding and for local and private fund-raising efforts. The authority is required to manage these funds to ensure that sufficient monies are available to rehabilitate and repair the system. The authority is also required to submit a management plan to the Department of Administration that addresses the costs and funding of the rehabilitation, repair, replacement, operation, maintenance and eventual abandonment of the system. The authority will maintain the Rapide Croche sea lamprey barrier.

2. Initial Costs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	90,000	0.00	126,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	90,000	0.00	126,700	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to the Fox River Navigational System Authority for costs related to the initial start-up of the authority and to operate the portion of the navigational system currently operated by the Fox River Management Commission.