

OUR PARKS AND FORESTS DESERVE BETTER

Pennsylvania's state parks and forests need more than \$1.4 billion in repairs and upgrades. Years of underfunding has reduced staffing and created maintenance shortfalls. We call on the Governor and General Assembly to work together to protect the legacy that is our outdoors, while investing in human health and local economies.

THE COMBINED ACREAGE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S PARKS AND FORESTS ARE **TWICE THE SIZE OF THE ENTIRE STATE OF DELAWARE.**



OUTDOOR RECREATION SPENDING*

In Pennsylvania, outdoor recreation generates annually:

\$29.1 billion in consumer spending

251,000 direct jobs

\$8.6 billion in wages and salaries

\$1.9 billion in state and local tax revenue

**Outdoor Industry Association*

FEWER STAFF AND HIGHER PUBLIC DEMANDS

creates challenges for maintaining, restoring, and replacing infrastructure.



Average life span of a bridge:

50 YEARS

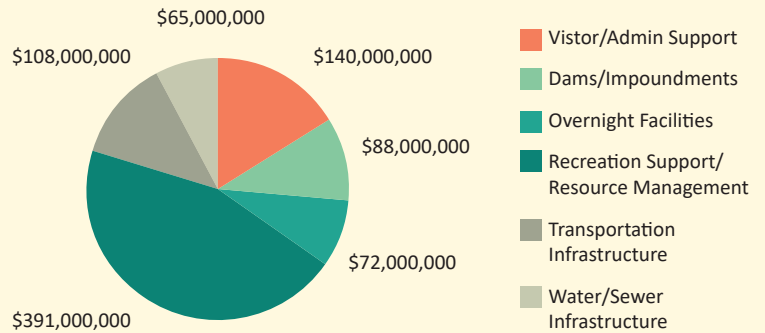
Average age of a bridge in Pa state parks and forests:

64 YEARS

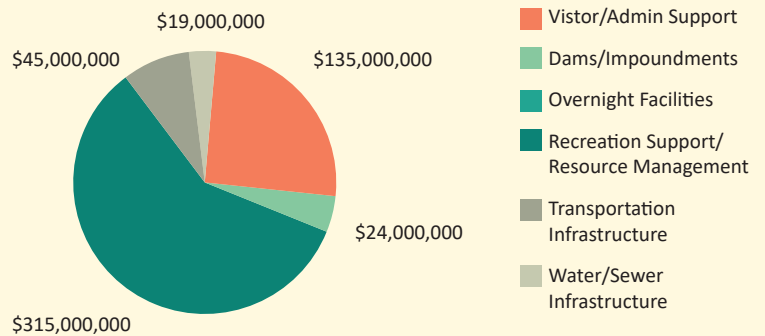
Total bridges 864; total structurally deficient bridges: 144 or 17%

DCNR MANAGES **4,876 BUILDINGS**
1,933 OF THESE ARE FIFTY YEARS OR OLDER.

PARK INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS



FORESTRY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS



DCNR manages
70 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS
172 WATER TREATMENT



TOTAL DAMS: 141
TOTAL HIGH HAZARD DAMS 47

A dam is high hazard if its failure could result in the loss of life or significant property damage.

75%

of Pennsylvanian's surveyed in the **2020 Fall Lion Poll** agreed that funding outdoor recreation facilities such as parks, trails and open spaces, should be considered a top priority by state and local governments.