

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**Department of Conservation**

**HB Section(s):** 6.610

**Program Name:** Recreation Management

**Program is found in the following core budget(s):** Recreation Management

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Connect people with nature

**1b. What does this program do?**

To connect Missourians with nature, the Missouri Department of Conservation ("MDC" or "Department") implements action plans to help Missourians access recreational areas through Recreation Access Management and partners with communities through Community Conservation.

**Recreation Access Management** - The Department provides Missourians and visitors with public access to nature through management of Conservation Areas and recreation access partnerships across the state. Work includes promoting nature related recreation opportunities and maintaining public use infrastructure features on Department or partner managed lands. Financial assistance for outdoor recreation access is available for landowners through the Missouri Outdoor Recreational Access Program (MRAP) which provides rental payments for allowing public access for hunters and fishers. Financial assistance is available to partners through the Landowner Conservation and Partnership Grants program.

**Community Conservation** - The Department engages with local governments, citizens and partners within municipalities and adjacent developing areas to help connect Missourians with nature and raise awareness of the benefits provided by healthy fish, forest and wildlife resources by promoting conservation of these resources through technical assistance to partners and encouraging commercial and residential development that protects native fish, forest and wildlife. The Department also assists local communities with wildfire prevention and protection by providing training and grant opportunities to organized fire districts for the purchase of equipment and development of preparedness plans.

Community Conservation helps communities value and incorporate natural resource stewardship as part of planning and sustainable growth, creating quality habitat for people and nature. Working with local government, developers and citizen groups to influence the integration of ecosystem services where they live.

Financial assistance for community conservation is available through Department programs such as Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance Grants (TRIM), Landowner and Community Assistance Program (LCAP), Community Conservation Grants, Land Conservation and Partnership Grants program, Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA 50/50), Firefighters Workmen's Compensation Grant, and Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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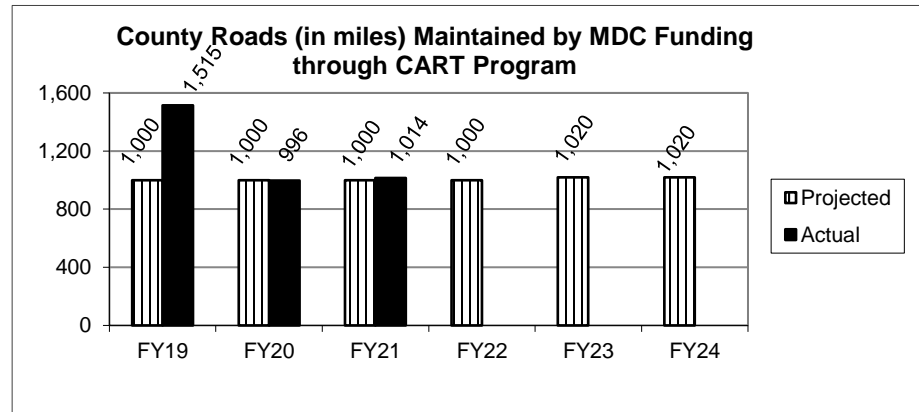
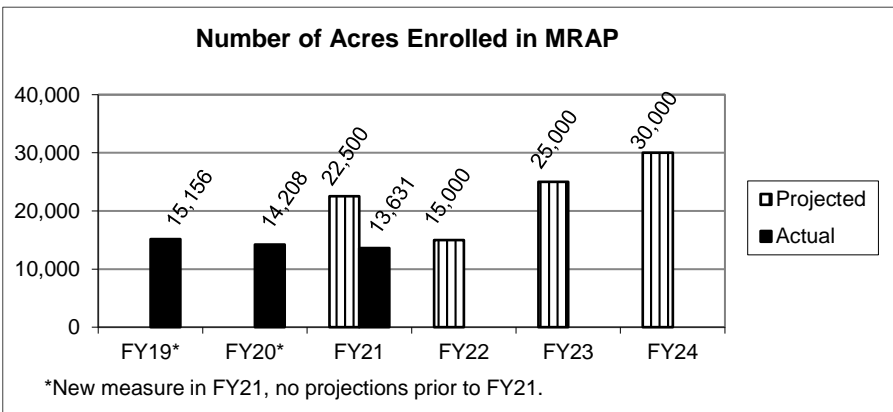
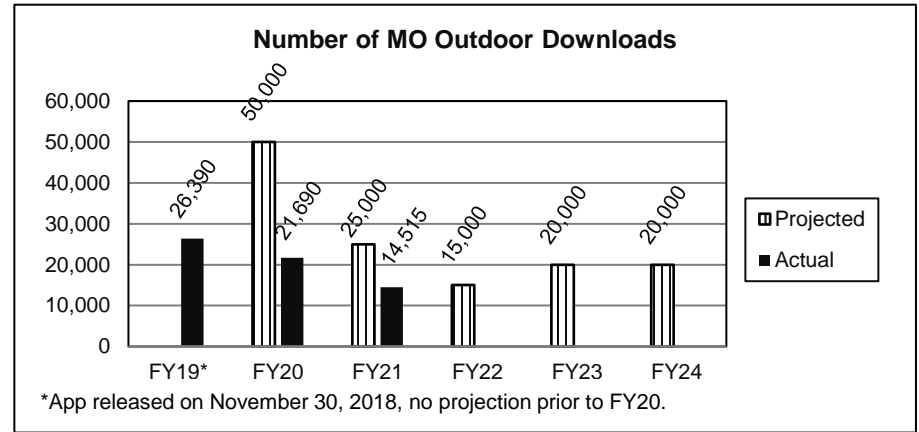
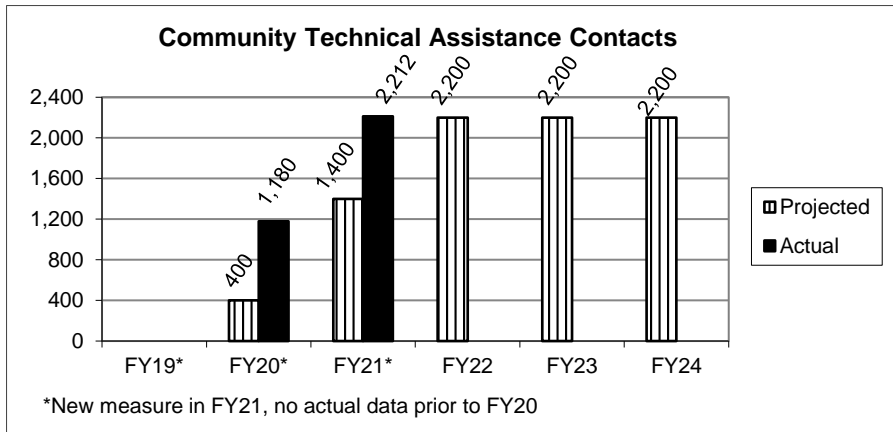
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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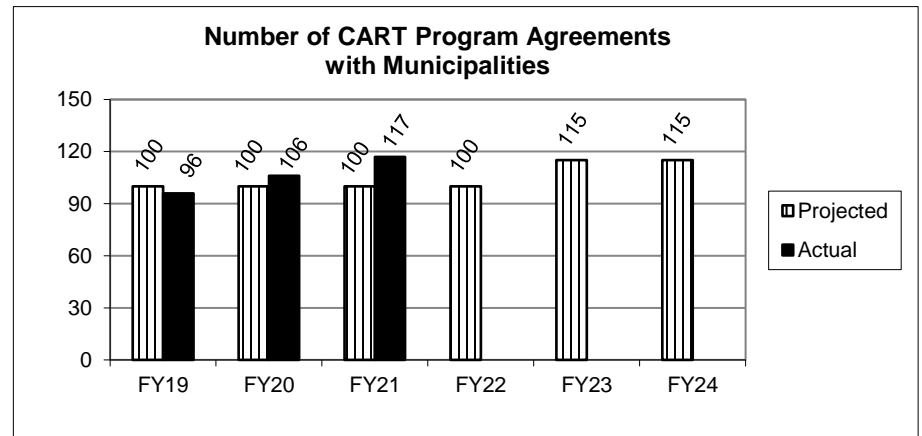
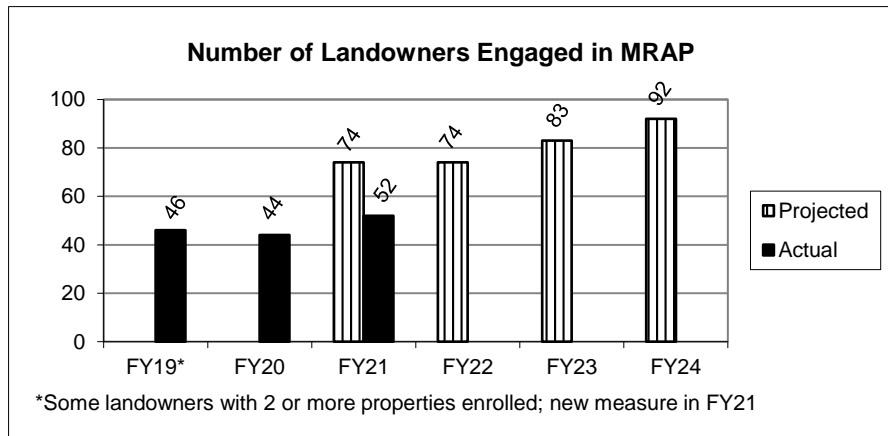
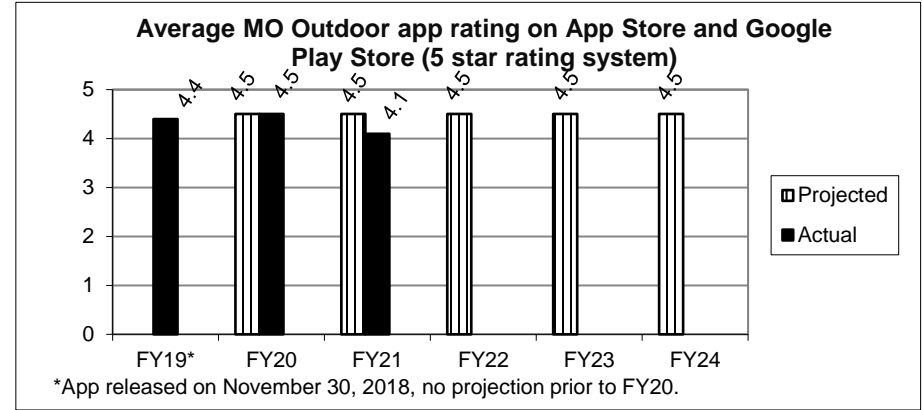
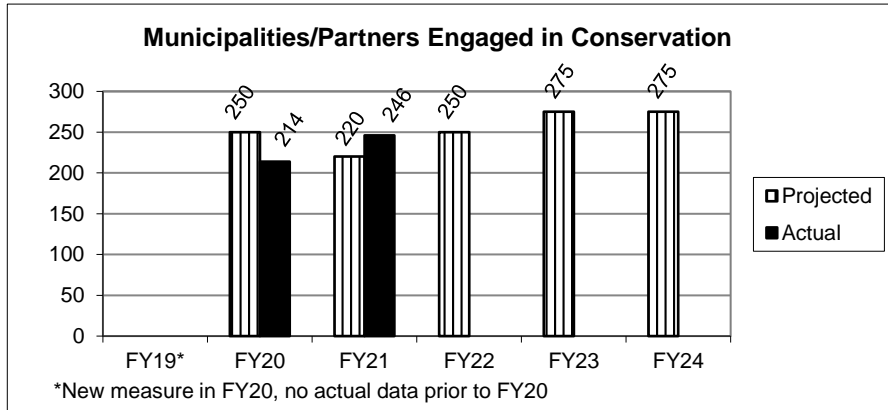
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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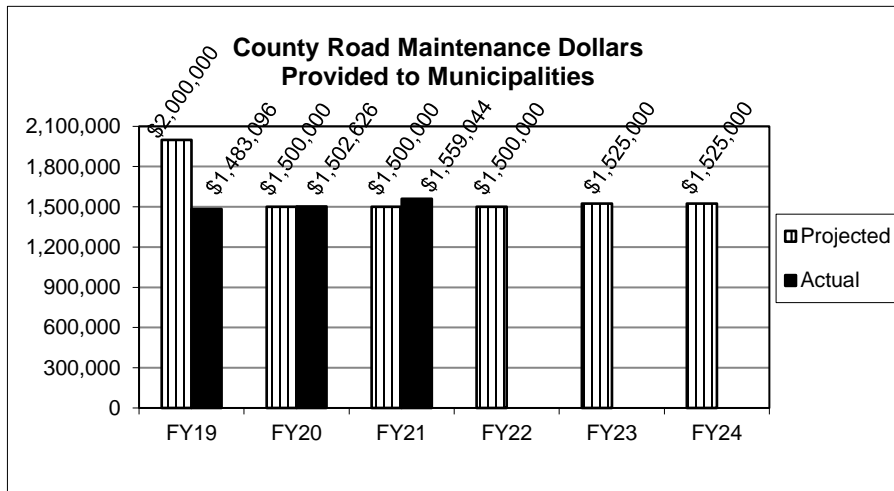
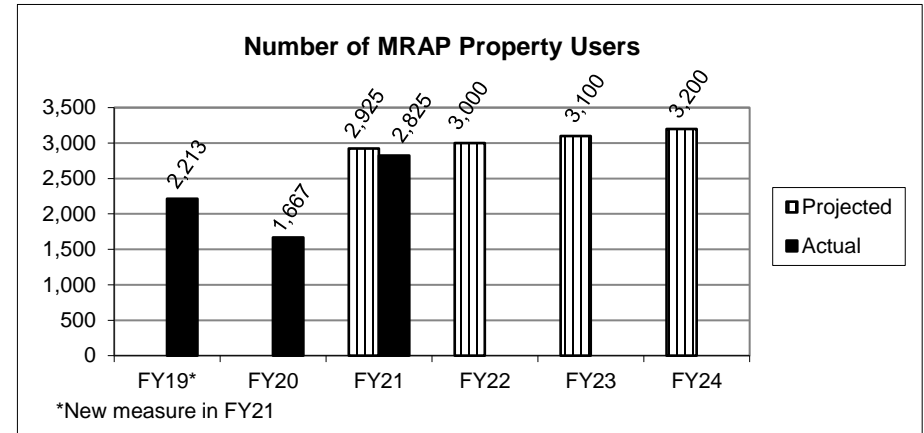
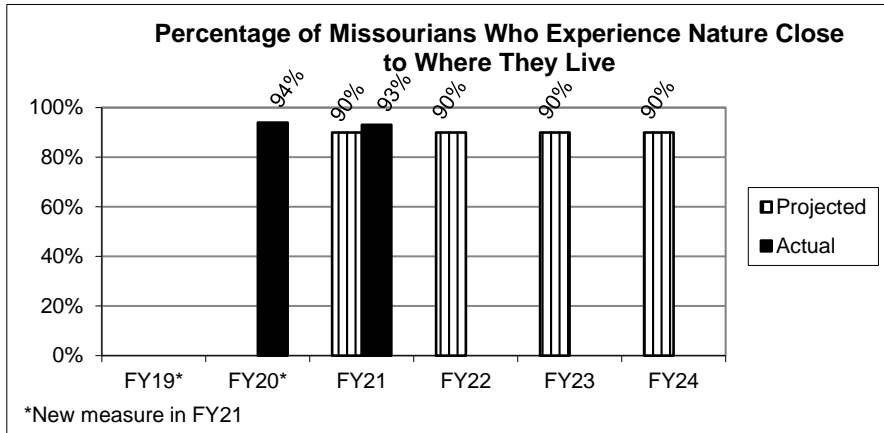
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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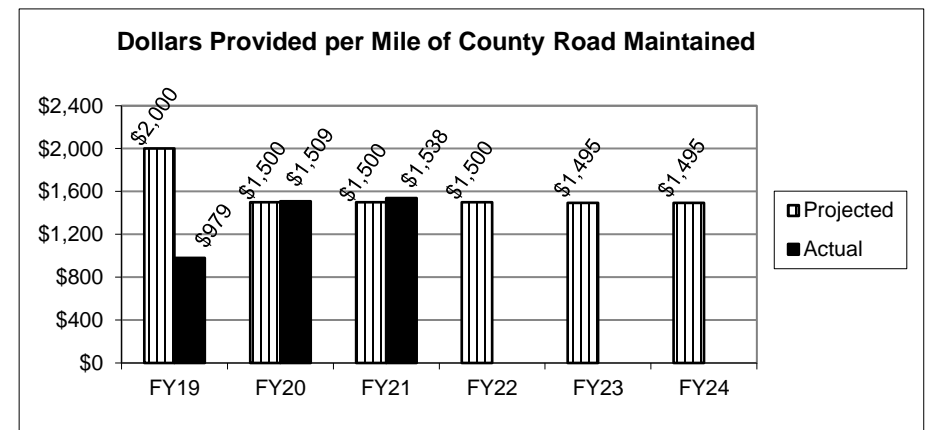
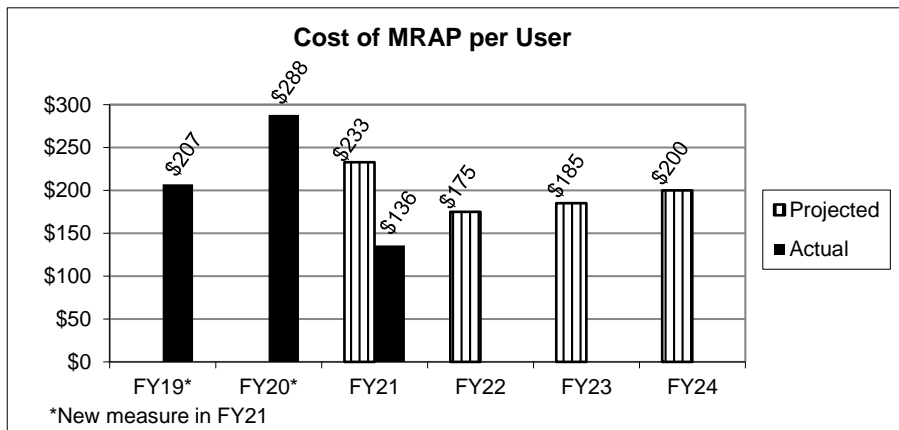
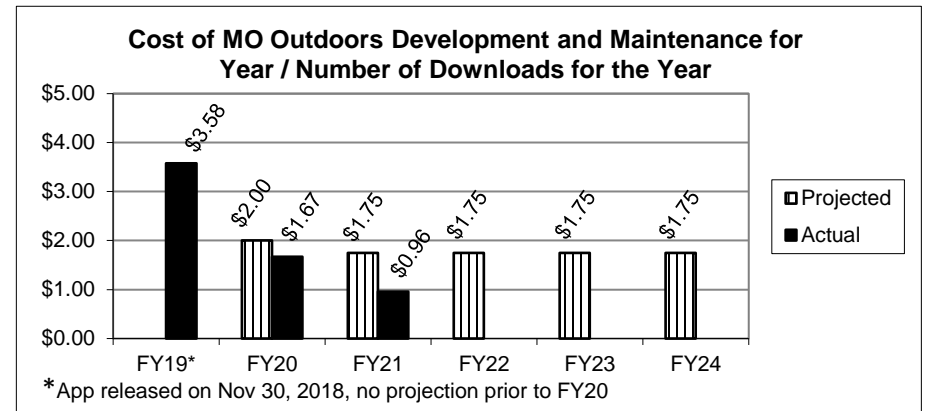
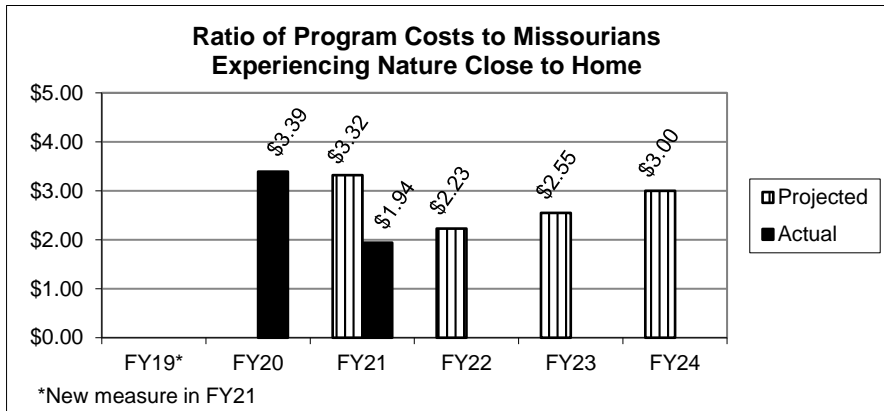
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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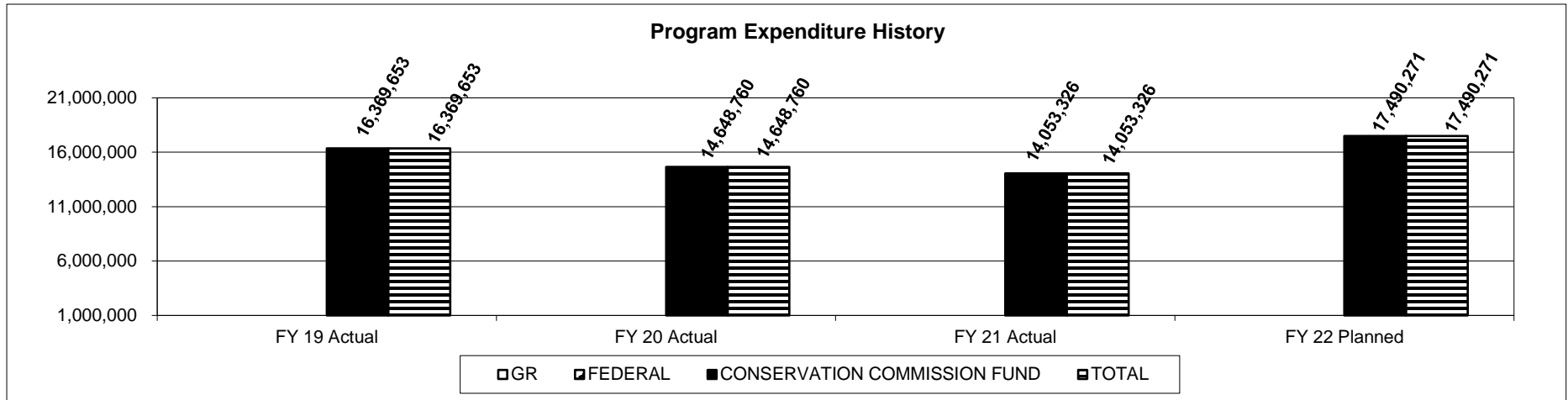
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



**4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?**

Conservation Commission Fund (0609)

**5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)**

Authorization for this program is by state constitutional mandate adopted November 3, 1936.

**6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.**

No; however, this program participates in various federal programs, each with unique matching requirements.

**7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.**

No.