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CAPITAL PROJECTS

| HJR 76 | |
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| \$40 Million | Campground Upgrades |
| \$20 Million | Utility Improvements |
| \$6 Million | Broadband Upgrades |
| HB 553 | |
| \$13 Million | Jenny Wiley and Lake Barkley Repairs |
| HJR 56 | |
| \$27 Million | Building Systems and Safety Improvements |
| \$22 Million | Accommodation and Hospitality Upgrades |
| \$22 Million | Recreational Amenities Upgrades |
| HB 6 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS | |
| \$45 Million | Utility Infrastructure Replacement |
| \$18 Million | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades |
| \$15 Million | Yatesville Lake Marina Replacement |
| \$12.2 Million | Jenny Wiley Marina Reconstruction |
| \$10 Million | Cumberland Falls Lodge Room Upgrades |
| \$7.5 Million | John James Audubon New Conference Center |
| \$6 Million | Lake Barkley Lodge Wing Exterior Repair |
| \$3.1 Million | Big Bone Lick State Park Nature Center |
| \$3.1 Million | Conference Center Upgrades |
| \$3 Million | Lake Barkley Fitness Center Upgrades |
| \$1.5 Million | Perryville ADA Accessible Restroom Facility |
| \$1.5 Million | Kenlake Structure Refurbishment |
| \$1.5 Million | Jenny Wiley Archery Center |
| \$1.2 Million | Pennyrite Beach Complex Repair |
| \$1.1 Million | John James Audubon Beach House Conversion |



COMPLETED PROJECTS

CAMPGROUND BATHHOUSE RENOVATIONS

- Nolin Lake
- Barren River Lake
- Natural Bridge
- Greenbo Lake
- Big Bone Lick
- General Burnside
- General Butler
- Jenny Wiley
- Kincaid Lake
- Dale Hollow Lake
- Yatesville Lake
- Green River
- Cumberland Falls
- Blue Licks Battlefield
- Carter Caves
- Lake Barkley



Blue Licks Battlefield



COMPLETED PROJECTS

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

EP Tom Sawyer

Jefferson Davis

Kentucky Dam Village

Carter Caves

Pine Mountain

Jenny Wiley

Yatesville Lake

Natural Bridge

Big Bone Lick

Pennyridge Forest

Taylorsville Lake

Waveland

Buckhorn Lake

BROADBAND UPGRADES

Dale Hollow Lake

Carter Caves

Paintsville Lake

General Butler

LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM UPGRADES

Dale Hollow Lake Elevator

Jenny Wiley Elevator

John James Audubon Business Office Sprinkler System





COMPLETED PROJECTS

DOOR LOCKING SYSTEMS

General Butler

Rough River Dam

Natural Bridge

Jenny Wiley

Dale Hollow Lake

Carter Caves

Cumberland Falls

Greenbo Lake

Blue Licks Battlefield

Kentucky Dam Village

Lake Barkley

Barren River Lake

Pine Mountain

Pennyrile Forest

Kenlake

Lake Cumberland

Buckhorn Lake

John James Audubon

BEACH REFURBISHMENTS

All State Parks Beaches

BUILDING SYSTEMS REPAIRS

Jenny Wiley Cooling Tower Replacement

GOLF COURSE GREEN CONVERSIONS

Barren River

Kentucky Dam Village

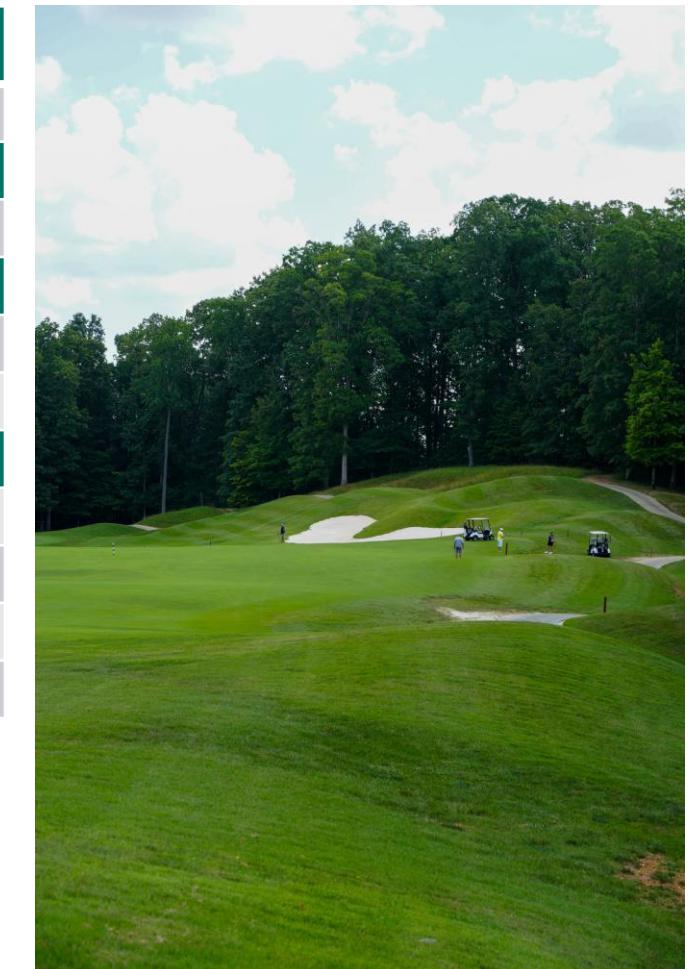
GOLF COURSE BUNKER REPAIRS

Dale Hollow Lake

Grayson Lake

Mineral Mound

Yatesville Lake



BY THE NUMBERS:



\$72 MILLION INVESTED



66 PROJECTS COMPLETED



17 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



36 PARKS IMPACTED

CAMPGROUND BATHHOUSE UPGRADES:



\$2.6 MILLION BATHHOUSE RENOVATIONS



16 PROJECTS COMPLETED





CAMPGROUND UPGRADES: WEST

HJR76

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|  | \$20 MILLION APPROPRIATED |
|  | 9 PROJECTS Initial design assessment completed |
|  | 1 PROJECT READY TO BID <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake Malone |
|  | 3 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kenlake• My Old Kentucky Home• Taylorsville Lake |

CAMPGROUND UPGRADES: EAST



\$20 MILLION APPROPRIATED



3 PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- Fort Boonesborough
- Cumberland Falls
- General Burnside



2 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Carter Caves
- Greenbo Lake

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME





MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME CAMPGROUND



KENLAKE STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



KENLAKE STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND

UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

\$20 MILLION

for grid resilience projects at various park locations.

- \$3.5 million match by Kentucky State Parks
- \$17 million federal matching grant

Kentucky Dam Village and Kenlake State Resort Parks primary grid resilience projects are in final design.

Secondary electrical projects to follow the grid resilience grant project.



WASTEWATER UPGRADES:



\$6.5 MILLION APPROPRIATED



2 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Natural Bridge
- EP Tom Sawyer



3 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN

- Cumberland Falls
- Barren River Lake
- Greenbo Lake

BROADBAND CAMPGROUND UPGRADES:

HJR76

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|  | \$6 MILLION APPROPRIATED |
|  | 4 PROJECTS COMPLETED |
|  | 6 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John James Audubon• Big Bone Lick• Lake Malone• Fort Boonesborough• Cumberland Falls• Natural Bridge |
|  | 4 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kentucky Dam Village• Pennyrile• My Old Kentucky Home• Kenlake |

BUILDING SYSTEMS & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT:



\$6.9 MILLION APPROPRIATED



1 PROJECT OUT TO BID

- General Butler BAS System Replacement



1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

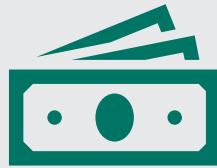
- Barren River HVAC Replacement



1 PROJECT COMPLETED

- Jenny Wiley Cooling Tower Replacement

LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT:



\$2 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR DOOR-LOCKING SYSTEMS AT ALL RESORT PARKS

- 18 projects completed



\$151,650 APPROPRIATED FOR ELEVATOR AND SPRINKLER UPGRADES



3 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- John James Audubon (sprinkler system)
- Jenny Wiley (elevator upgrade)
- Dale Hollow Lake (elevator upgrade)

STRUCTURAL AND SAFETY REPAIRS:



\$6.7 MILLION APPROPRIATED



4 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lake Cumberland
- Dale Hollow Lake
- Jenny Wiley
- General Butler



3 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Natural Bridge
- Pine Mountain
- Cumberland Falls

ADA MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS:



\$1.1 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT
• Dale Hollow Lake



PROJECT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



\$1.3 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR REC BUILDING UPGRADES
• EP Tom Sawyer



PROJECT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



\$2.8 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR LODGE WING UPGRADES
• Lake Barkley

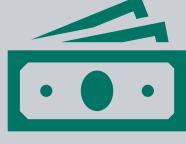


PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION



E.P. TOM SAWYER REC BUILDING

ACCOMMODATION & HOSPITALITY UPGRADES: \$22 MILLION

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|  | \$21 MILLION APPROPRIATED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake Barkley• Lake Cumberland• Barren River Lake |
|  | \$1 MILLION APPROPRIATED Mattresses and furnishings at various state parks |
|  | 2 PROJECTS READY TO BID <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake Cumberland• Barren River Lake |
|  | 1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake Barkley |



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POOL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIRS:



\$12 MILLION APPROPRIATED

- Fort Boonesborough
- Lake Barkley
- Greenbo Lake



3 PROJECTS IN DESIGN



1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lake Barkley

BEACH REFURBISHMENT:



\$346,600 APPROPRIATED



ALL PROJECTS COMPLETED





LAKE BARKLEY POOL DEMO



LAKE BARKLEY POOL DEMO

DAM SAFETY RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS:



\$5 MILLION APPROPRIATED

- Pennyriile Forest



PROJECT DESIGN IS COMPLETE



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:



\$1.2 MILLION APPROPRIATED



13 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Buckhorn Lake
- Carter Caves
- E.P. Tom Sawyer
- Jefferson Davis
- Kentucky Dam Village
- Pennyrile Forest
- Big Bone Lick
- Pine Mountain
- Yatesville Lake
- Natural Bridge
- Jenny Wiley
- Taylorsville Lake
- Waveland

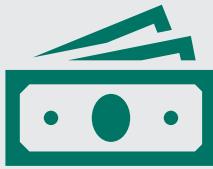


CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK



KENTUCKY DAM VILLAGE STATE RESORT PARK

GOLF COURSE UPGRADES:



\$8.5 MILLION APPROPRIATED

Golf course irrigation replacement, Bermuda greens conversion and bunker repairs



4 PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- Barren River Lake irrigation
- Kentucky Dam Village irrigation
- My Old Kentucky Home irrigation
- Lake Barkley irrigation



6 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Dale Hollow Lake bunkers
- Barren River Lake green conversion
- Mineral Mound bunkers
- Yatesville Lake bunkers
- Kentucky Dam Village green conversion
- Grayson Lake bunkers



FY25-26 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS (HB6):



4 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN

- Utility Infrastructure Replacement (Phase 2)
- John James Audubon New Conference Center
- Pennyrile Beach Complex Repair/upgrade
- Jenny Wiley Archery Center



1 PROJECT OUT FOR BID

- Lake Barkley Fitness Center Upgrades



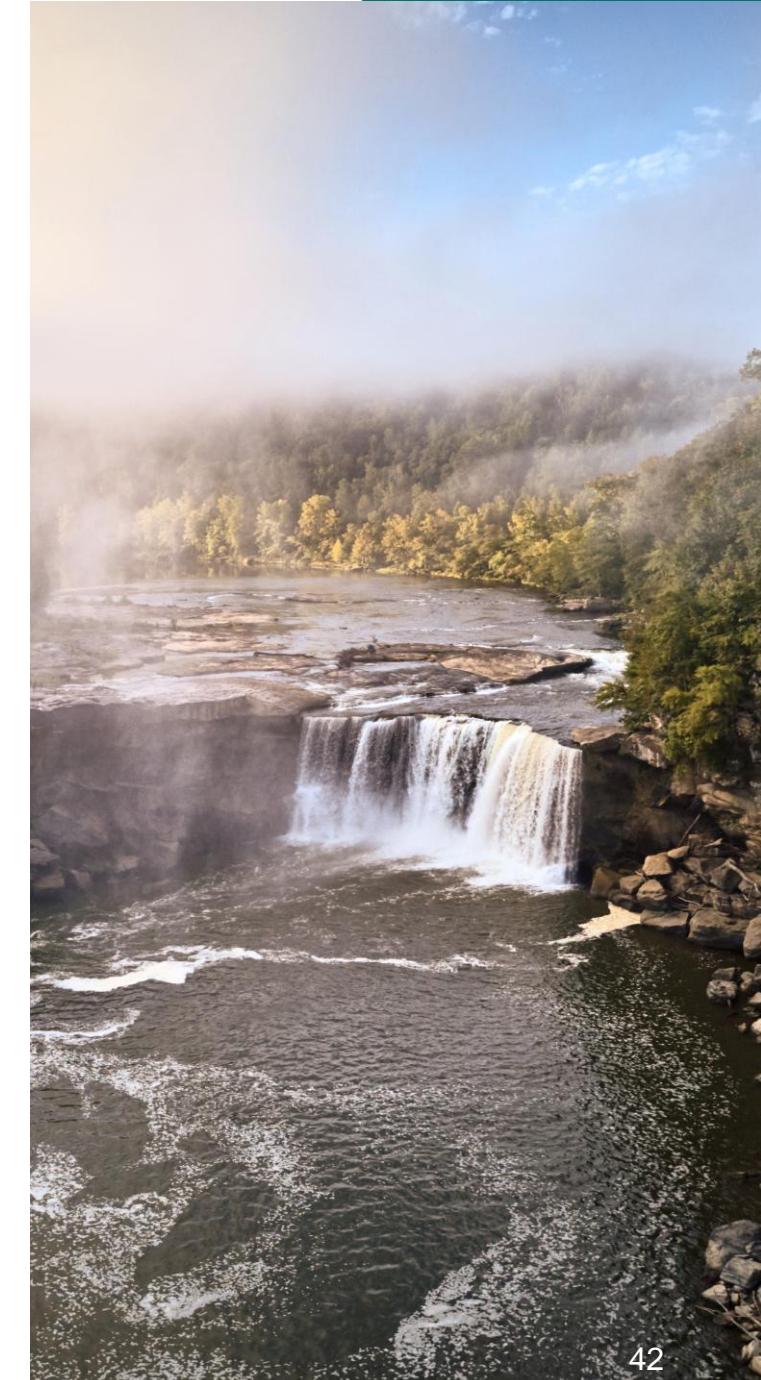
3 PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT

- Yatesville Lake Marina Replacement
- Cumberland Falls Lodge Room Reconfiguration
- Carter Caves Wastewater Treatment Plant



6 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Big Bone Lick Nature Center
- Perryville ADA Restrooms
- Kenlake (Historic Cherokee Park) Structure Refurbishment
- Jenny Wiley Marina Reconstruction
- John James Audubon Beach House Conversion
- Lake Barkley Lodge Wing Exterior Repair





KENLAKE (HISTORIC CHEROKEE PARK) STRUCTURE REFURBISHMENT



LAKE BARKLEY LODGE WING EXTERIOR REPAIR



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CUMBERLAND FALLS ROOM UPGRADE RENDERING

NEW BUDGET REQUEST - MAINTENANCE POOL:



\$40 MILLION

This pool funds special maintenance and deferred maintenance. This is a vital need for the department to protect the commonwealth's investment in existing facilities.



- Extend the life of the state's existing assets
- Purchase maintenance equipment
- Support essential maintenance of park facilities, including:
 - Routine upkeep
 - Critical repairs
 - Preventative work

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (DECA)



149 KENTUCKY STATE PARK PROJECTS



85 PROJECTS IN DESIGN



64 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

QUESTIONS?

