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House Interior and Environment Appropriations [Bill](#) and [Report](#)

Program (funding levels in millions of \$)	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18 POTUS Request	FY18 House
EPA Brownfield Projects (assessment/cleanup)	80	80	80	69	90
EPA Categorical Grants (Sec 128, Brownfields)	47.7	47.7	47.7	33.3	47.7
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	1,448.9	1,393.9	1,393.9	1,393.9	1,143.9
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	906.9	863.2	863.2	863.2	863.2
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)	300	300	300	0	300
BEACH Grants	9.5	9.5	9.5	0	9.5
National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program	24.4	24.4	24.4	22.3	24.4
Chesapeake Bay Program	73	73	73	0	60
Section 106 Water Pollution Control	230.8	230.8	230.8	161.3	230.8
National Estuary Program Grants	16.8	26.7	26.7	0	26.7
Land and Water Conservation Fund (Departments of Interior and Agriculture)	306	450	400	0	275
Water Availability and Use Science	40.9	42.1	45.1	30	42.1
Groundwater & Streamflow Information	69.7	71.5	72.7	68.2	73.2
National Water Quality	94.1	92.8	90.5	74.5	89

Other notable funding and provisions:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

Invasive Species - \$10.4 million is included for controlling Asian carp in the Mississippi and Ohio River Basins, and preventing them from entering the Great Lakes. \$2 million is included for control and prevention of the spread of quagga and zebra mussels. \$710,000 is included for sea lamprey control, and \$1 million is included for the implementation of state and interstate plans as authorized by the National Invasive Species Act (NISA).

Cooperative Landscape Conservation - \$13 million is included for landscape conservation cooperatives (LCCs). The report includes language requiring the USFWS to focus on areas where LCC partnerships are strongest. Consistent with a recent Inspector General report, the Service is directed to develop internal controls for the LCC grant award process to mitigate duplication in research. Rather than relying on informal and ad hoc coordination, the LCCs should implement written, formal guidance (based on GAO standards) for the award process. Additionally, the report states that LCCs should also store past, current, and future project information in a single database so that other LCCs, agencies, and the public may easily access this catalog of information and research on the Internet.

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund - \$38.2 million is included for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund or just under \$5 million more than the budget request. The Committee urges the Fish and Wildlife Services to make wetlands restoration projects that protect hunting and fishing treaty rights a higher priority.

National Wildlife Refuge System - \$483.9 million is included for the National Wildlife Refuge System, which is the same as the FY17 enacted level.

Coastal Programs - \$13.4 million is included for voluntary, non-regulatory coastal habitat restoration partnerships, which is the same as the FY17 enacted level.

National Fish Hatchery System - \$55.818 million is included for National Fish Hatchery System Operations, of which at least \$549,000 will support the Great Lakes Consent Decree.

The National Fish Passage Program - \$14 million is included for National Fish Passage Program, which is the same as the FY17 enacted level.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Ecosystems - \$153 million is included for ecosystem programs, which is \$6.7 million below the FY17 enacted level and \$20.9 million above the budget request. This program provides critical scientific research and data to land and water managers in priority landscapes including the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes. The report funds the Chesapeake Bay Research and Monitoring program at the FY17 enacted level.

Water Resources - \$210.9 million is included for Water Resources. The report does not support reductions to the National Research Program which would reduce research at the 32 USGS Water Science Centers across the country.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

The Committee report includes language aimed at reducing the growth of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act

\$30 million is included for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, with \$25 million of that being provided for direct loan subsidization which may translate into a potential loan capacity in excess of \$3 billion to eligible entities for water infrastructure projects. The report stresses that greater investment in the replacement of aging infrastructure will help mitigate nationwide issues from contaminants such as lead and arsenic, and help address Combined Sewer Overflows and Sanitary Sewer Overflows, which will allow systems to improve water delivery for residents. It is expected that EPA will issue WIFIA loans for the first time in FY18.

Lead in Drinking Water

\$12.7 million is included for a competitive grant program out of EPA to provide technical assistance for improved water quality or safe drinking water, adequate waste water to small systems or individual private well owners. EPA shall provide \$10 million for Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance and \$1.7 million for grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations for technical assistance for individual private well owners, with priority given to organizations that currently provide technical and educational assistance to individual private well owners.

Diesel Emissions Reductions Grants (DERA)

\$75 million is included for DERA grants. The Committee directs EPA to continue to make at least 70 percent of DERA grants available to improve air quality in non-attainment areas.

Inland Oil Spills Program

\$18 million is included for the Inland Oil Spill program, \$162,000 below the FY17 enacted level and \$2.3 million above the budget request.

Historic Preservation Fund

The Committee recommends \$59.6 million for historic preservation, \$3 million below the FY17 enacted level and \$22.6 million above the budget request.