

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION and PLANNING

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

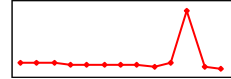
The 2010 Executive Budget reorganized the agency and moved several key functions to other agencies, to wit:

- Economic development efforts are now led by staff in the County Executive's office.
- Community Development Block Grant programs and the Housing Trust Fund are also administered by staff in the County Executive's office. Any future programs of a similar nature will be managed by the County Executive's office.
- Tax and other mapping functions are now performed by the Department of Management and Budget.
- The planning and land use function, as well as the Stormwater Coalition, are now under the auspices of the Department of Public Works.

The County Executive's 2011 budget proposes eliminating the remaining staff in the agency, while providing contractual appropriations in other agencies to complete mandated functions. Most importantly, this entails work that has been traditionally been performed by the Office of Natural Resource Conservation, including environmental regulatory compliance and agricultural district reviews, which are both mandated functions.

An appropriation has been included in the Department of Public Works, sufficient to hire a contractor to complete the Agricultural District Reviews. Further, County engineering staff in the County Sewer District, Department of General Services, and Department of Public Works will be completing all mandatory environmental reviews. These staff are highly qualified to perform this function.

### APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$1,046,746
1999:	\$1,121,247
2000:	\$1,120,935
2001:	\$751,499
2002:	\$863,127
2003:	\$783,567
2004:	\$714,744
2005:	\$730,921
2006:	\$555,519
2007:	\$1,016,136
2008:	\$8,335,610
2009:	\$668,696
2010:	\$244,806

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