



From: DCR Finance

To: Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate; House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means

Cc: DCR Commissioner's Office

Date: 12/31/2021

Re: FY21 Legislative Report: Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund

The Douglas State Trust Fund was established in M.G.L. Chapter 10, Section 35BBB. Pursuant to requirements in this legislation, DCR is providing an annual report on financial activities in this fund. Please see the below data for FY21 trust fund expenditures and income received:

A. FY21 Expenditures and Income:

| <u>FY21 Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust (0300)</u> | |
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| a | FY21 Beginning Balance \$55,239.10 |
| b | Income \$13,230.00 |
| | Net (a + b) \$68,469.10 |
| c | Expenses \$51,000.00 |
| | FY21 Ending Balance (Net - c) \$17,469.10 |

B. FY21 Projects/Expenditure Detail:

The Town of Douglas purchased a drone (\$28,000.00) useful for accident reconstruction, site investigation, and limited search and rescue activities. The Town also purchased turnout gear (\$23,000.00) for full time and on-call Douglas firefighters.

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| STATE AID/POL SUB | TOWN OF DOUGLAS | | |
| | | Turnout gear | \$23,000.00 |
| | | Drone | \$28,000.00 |
| Grand Total | | | \$51,000.00 |



C. Legislative Reference:

Section 35BBB. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund to be used, without further appropriation, for the long-term preservation, maintenance, nourishment, and public safety of the Douglas State Forest in the town of Douglas. Any balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point during a fiscal year.

(b) The department of conservation and recreation shall impose a surcharge of \$1 upon each fee charged and collected for admission to and parking in the Douglas State Forest. The additional monies collected from the surcharge shall be deposited into the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund. Expenditures by the fund for public safety may be made available to the police, fire, ambulance, and emergency personnel of the town of Douglas. On or before November 30 of each year, the department of conservation and recreation shall meet with the board of selectmen of the town of Douglas to discuss the maintenance and safety plan for the forest for the next calendar year as well as the balance and expenditures from the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund.

(c) An annual report, which shall include projects undertaken, expenditures made, and income received by the fund, shall be submitted to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 31 of each year.