



SITLA, LAND STEWARDSHIP AND RESTORATION

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

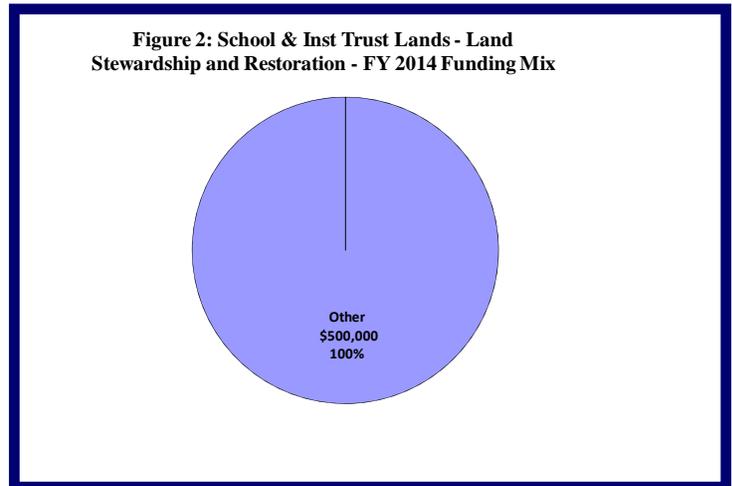
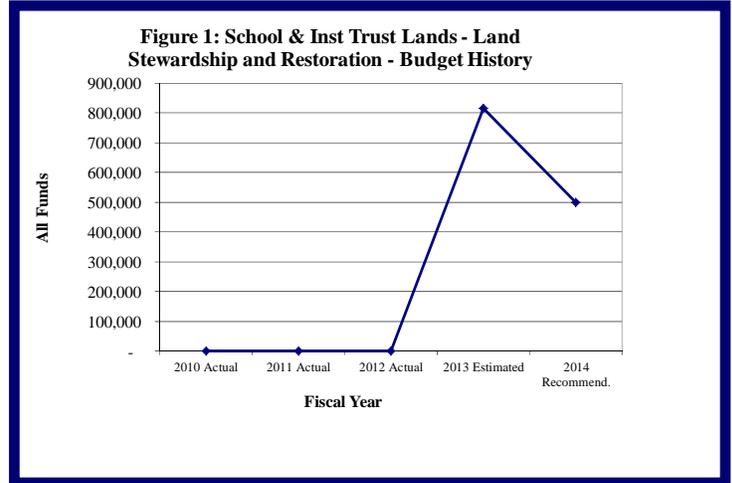
The Land Stewardship and Restoration line item was created in the 2012 General Legislative Session for projects that would not be considered capital investments such as fence repairs, road maintenance, erosion control, hazardous material cleanup and other like expenses.

For this line item, the Analyst recommends a one-time FY 2013 supplemental appropriation of \$316,000 for EPA Cleanup at Saratoga Springs. For the FY 2014 base budget, the Analyst recommends a total appropriation of \$500,000, as presented in the Budget Detail Table on p. 2.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EPA Cleanup at Saratoga Springs

After terminating the Cook Associates, Inc. lease a few years ago, SITLA identified hundreds of abandoned 55-gallon drums and unsecured explosives at the location. In accordance with the law, SITLA reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which conducted an emergency cleanup of the site. Last spring, EPA notified SITLA that it would seek reimbursement of \$772,000 for the services they provided on trust lands. The law allows EPA to seek full cost recovery from the land owner for the actions of the lessee. SITLA has negotiated with EPA a reduced amount of \$316,000 and is requesting a supplemental appropriation to pay the federal agency. The Analyst recommends the Legislature appropriate the funding as requested.



BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

School & Inst Trust Lands - Land Stewardship and Restoration						
Sources of Finance	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2013 Revised	Changes	FY 2014* Recommended
Land Grant Management Fun	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000
Total	\$0	\$500,000	\$316,000	\$816,000	(\$316,000)	\$500,000
Programs						
Land Stewardship and Restor	0	500,000	316,000	816,000	(316,000)	500,000
Total	\$0	\$500,000	\$316,000	\$816,000	(\$316,000)	\$500,000
Categories of Expenditure						
Current Expense	0	500,000	263,200	763,200	(316,000)	447,200
Capital Outlay	0	0	52,800	52,800	0	52,800
Total	\$0	\$500,000	\$316,000	\$816,000	(\$316,000)	\$500,000