
2021 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) PLAN



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Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan Certification Statement

This certifies that the attached Equal Employment Opportunity Plan represents the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources commitment to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and employees. I attest that the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources follows the North Carolina Equal Employment Opportunity Policy along with all applicable federal and state laws, including current Executive Orders governing equal employment opportunities.



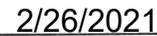
D. Reid Wilson
Secretary, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources



Date



Shanita Washington-Ray
EEO Officer



Date

The State of North Carolina EEO Policy

The State of North Carolina provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination, harassment or retaliation based on race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability. The State also recognizes that an effective and efficient government requires the talents, skills and abilities of all qualified and available individuals, and seeks opportunities to promote diversity and inclusion at all occupational levels of State government's workforce through equal employment opportunity (EEO) workforce planning initiatives.

The State is committed to ensuring the administration and implementation of all human resources policies, practices and programs are fair and equitable. State agencies, departments and universities shall be accountable for administering all aspects of employment, including hiring, dismissal, compensation, job assignment, classification, promotion, reduction-in-force, training, benefits and any other terms and conditions of employment in accordance with federal and State EEO laws and policies.

Employees shall not engage in harassing conduct, and if harassing conduct does occur, it should be reported. Managers and supervisors maintain a critical role and responsibility in preventing and eliminating harassing conduct in our workplace. See the Unlawful Workplace Harassment policy of the State Human Resources Manual for provisions related to unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment.

Acts of retaliation against an employee who engages in protected activity or the exercise of an appeal or grievance right provided by law will not be tolerated in our workplace.

Coverage

Individuals protected by provisions of this policy are:

1. current employees;
2. former employees; and
3. job applicants

Veterans

Job discrimination of veterans shall be prohibited, and affirmative action shall be undertaken to employ and advance in employment eligible veterans in accordance with Article 13 of G.S. 126 and G.S. 128-15.

See the Veteran's Preference policy in the State Human Resources Manual for provisions related to veteran's preference including the employment and advancement of protected veterans.

Office of State Human Resources Responsibilities

The Office of State Human Resources (OSHR) shall:

1. establish the EEO Plan Requirements and Program Guidelines in accordance with federal and state laws to be followed by all agencies, departments and universities,

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- to ensure commitment to and accountability for equal employment opportunity throughout State government;
2. review, approve and monitor all EEO plans and updates;
 3. provide services of EEO technical assistance, training, oversight, monitoring, evaluation, support programs, and reporting to ensure that State government's work force is diverse at all occupational levels;
 4. develop and promote EEO programs and best practices to encourage consistent and fair treatment of all State employees; and
 5. meet with agency heads, department heads, and university chancellors, Human Resources Directors and EEO Directors/Officers annually to discuss the progress made toward reaching program goals.

Agency, Department and University Responsibilities

Each Agency Head, Department Head and University Chancellor shall:

1. adhere to the policies and programs that have been adopted by the State Human Resources Commission and approved by the Governor;
2. ensure the agency, department or university's commitment to EEO is clearly communicated to all employees;
3. ensure that Human Resources policies and employment practices are implemented consistently and fairly;
4. designate an EEO Officer/Director who has access to the agency head, department head or university chancellor to be responsible for the operation and implementation of the EEO Plan;
5. provide the necessary resources to ensure the successful implementation of the EEO Program;
6. ensure each manager and supervisor has, as a part of his or her performance plan, the responsibility to comply with EEO laws and policies, and assist in achieving EEO goals established by the agency, department or university;
7. ensure the EEO Plan is designed in accordance with the EEO Plan Requirements and Program Guidelines as specified by the Office of State Human Resources;
8. ensure the EEO Plan is submitted by March 1st of each year to the Office of State Human Resources for review and approval as required by G.S. 126-19;
9. ensure all employees are made aware of the EEO policy including the Unlawful Workplace Harassment Policy found in the State Human Resources Manual;
10. develop strategies to prevent unlawful workplace harassment and retaliation in the workplace;
11. ensure required employee notices describing Federal laws prohibiting job discrimination are posted in work locations where notices to applicants and employees are customarily posted and easily accessible to applicants and employees with disabilities;
12. maintain records of all complaints and grievances alleging discriminatory practices; and
13. ensure all newly hired, promoted, or appointed supervisors and managers complete required EEO training in accordance with G.S. 126-16.1. See the Equal Employment Opportunity Diversity Fundamentals policy located in the State Human Resources Manual for information related to EEO training.

Complaint Process

An individual covered by this policy who is alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment or retaliation may file a complaint following the process outlined in the Employee Grievance Policy located in the State Human Resources Manual. For the purpose of this policy, political affiliation is not a protected classification under federal EEO law but may be grieved pursuant to G.S. 126-34.02 as a contested case after completion of the agency grievance procedure and the Office of State Human Resources review.

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Overview

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) manages, promotes, and enhances the things that people love in North Carolina – preserving, enhancing, and celebrating the state’s rich history, diverse arts and culture, and spectacular natural areas.

The department oversees the state’s resources for the arts, history, libraries and nature and is home to 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the N.C. Symphony, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, the African American Heritage Commission, State Preservation Office, Office of State Archaeology, and Division of Land and Water Stewardship. DNCR manages the treasures of the state. These things unite North Carolinians, create a shared identity, and provide common ground.

Learn more about the department in the [2019-2021 Strategic Plan](#).

Mission

To improve the quality of life in North Carolina by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and nature by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

Vision

To be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. Every day, DNCR’s places, programs, and ideas strengthen education, improve public health, enhance quality of life, and support robust economic growth across North Carolina.

Goals

1. Expand educational opportunities for children and families by increasing access to the state’s innovative, interactive, and inspirational natural and cultural sites, programs, and services.
2. Boost economic growth through the “Hometown Strong” initiative to support rural communities, and other efforts.
3. Preserve, enhance, and expand North Carolina’s natural and cultural resources in an effective, efficient, collaborative, and customer-friendly manner.
4. Promote diversity and cultural inclusion in departmental programs, recruitment, administration, and community engagement.

DNCR EEO Achievements

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is committed to providing a climate and culture that fosters, promotes, and encourages social interactions that support, appreciate, and celebrate our differences. By supporting diversity and inclusion, the department strives to enhance cross-cultural understanding, break down racial and gender-based stereotypes, and create a diverse and productive workforce.

DNCR maintains diversity as one of the top goals. In 2020, DNCR expanded the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) office by transferring one full time position and a temporary position from the Human Resources (HR) office to the DEI office to dedicate resources to the department's internship programs, including the Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions of Higher Education (HBCU/MIHE) internship program, and to expand diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion efforts.

DNCR maintains processes to ensure that all terms and conditions of employment are fair and accessible and that employment decisions are made without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability. In 2020, DNCR Human Resources released interview standards to include the requirement that interview panels be at a minimum diverse by both race and gender. Additionally, Human Resources staff continue to support recruitment and hiring initiatives such as virtual job fairs, an application enhancement workgroup, military employment taskforce, and university partnership collaboration.

The agency continues to provide employees with tools to support diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion. In 2020, Division Directors were provided concepts and tools to encourage open dialogue discussions with employees; as well as DEI and HR staff supported staff-facilitated inclusion conversations. A diversity and inclusion training plan began in 2020 to include 14 unconscious bias modules provided by Cornerstone through the Office of State Human Resources, and the agency purchased a series of online diversity training courses, some targeted to all employees and others to supervisors, which began in November 2020 to be assigned over the course of a year.

Diversity and Inclusion is a performance value of all employees on the 2020-2021 performance plan. This value is to increase awareness of inclusion for staff and to ensure fair treatment of all employees.

Along with department-wide efforts, our divisions expanded their efforts in 2020 to include:

- Partnering with the Office of State Budget and Management, a recruitment study was conducted within the State Parks and Recreation division to evaluate the demographics of the applicant pools, demographics of relevant college programs within North Carolina, and how to make job postings more attractive and non-restrictive to promote larger and more diverse applicant pools. Recommendations from that study are being implemented, and lessons learned from the study will be shared with other divisions.

- The Museum of Art implemented an internal Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility task force, which is charged with reviewing policies, procedures, and practices with the goals of increasing the demographic representation and amplifying the voices of people of color, people with disabilities, and others both in the Museum and visitor engagement.
- The NC Symphony implemented a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force which includes staff representation from each section (Executive, Philanthropy, Marketing, Administration/Finance and Artistic/Orchestra) and the Board of Trustees. The task force is comprised of colleagues representing various ethnic backgrounds and life experiences. The Symphony is a Catalyst Grant recipient, sponsored by the League of American Orchestras. The program includes diversity analysis with an organization-wide assessment, capacity building, development of a diversity and inclusion statement, and creating goals and a roadmap to achievement.
- The State Library required racial equity training for all staff. As a result of the training, a staff committee began the process of creating a Racial Equity Toolkit.
- The State Historic Sites division introduced the concept of “True Inclusion,” a philosophy of expansive, bold, and innovative practices around and including narratives, audiences, concepts, initiatives, communities, and professional development entrenched in valuing diverse voices, experiences, and histories. Plans are in place to build a True Inclusion Working Group around this concept. The group will include members from around the division and will work to build an internal network of professionals whose work reflects the values of True Inclusion.
- The North Carolina Zoo established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. They have had an autism summer camp for several years and have been certified by Kulture City as an autism friendly site. Currently, they are offering free or reduced-price programs to Tier I county schools to help under-served communities.
- The NC Arts Council is in the process of developing a Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion plan, which will focus on internal and external concerns, thoughts, and hopes for systemic change within the arts and how to break barriers in institutional practices within the agency and the field. Division teams will analyze and work with various sectors of the field (arts in education, individual artist services, arts organizational grants, arts council support, marketing, etc.) and create actionable goals within each team to create a comprehensive plan. Once the plan has been developed, it will be integrated into the NC Arts Council Strategic Plan.
- Tryon Palace hosted a diversity training for all staff. The training resulted in the creation of a Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Committee.
- The NC Aquariums division is currently implementing an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Committee (IDEA), which will focus on these areas. All division employees will be offered a Workplace Climate Survey to allow them to give input on the workplace environment towards inclusion.

Additionally, several divisions have enhanced their diversity training for employees, and many divisions have expanded their programming to provide a full range of our state’s history. Our divisions have expanded recruitment efforts to share job opportunities with organizations that support diversity.

2020 was a very challenging year for recruitment due to the COVID-19 pandemic and hiring/budget restrictions that were imposed. Fewer positions were filled during this past calendar year which limited our ability to change the composition of our employee demographics.

Assignment of Responsibility and Accountability

Secretary, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The Secretary of DNCR is responsible for providing executive leadership and oversight to ensure that the department adheres to the policies and programs that have been adopted by the State Human Resources Commission and approved by the governor and takes actions as necessary to achieve and implement the plan's goals and objectives.

The Chief Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretaries, Assistant Secretary and Division Directors shall ensure that objectives of the program are accepted and that opportunities for employment comply with the intent of the secretary's policy for equal employment opportunities for all persons. They are to ensure that all employment practices and all aspects of the employment function within DNCR are implemented in a manner which is equitable for all applicants and employees.

The Secretary, Chief Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretaries, Assistant Secretary, and Division Directors support equal employment opportunity and diversity through:

- Adhering to the policies and programs that have been adopted by the State Human Resources Commission and approved by the Governor;
- Ensuring each manager and supervisor has, as a part of his or her performance plan, the responsibility to comply with EEO laws and policies, and assist in achieving EEO goals established by the agency;
- Designating a management-level official responsible to oversee the EEO program;
- Survey the organizational climate and employee attitudes and evaluate the resultant data;
- Communicating the agency's commitment to EEO to all employees, applicants and the public;
- Providing necessary resources to ensure the successful implementation of the EEO program;
- Ensuring the development and implementation of HR policies, procedures, and programs necessary to achieve a diverse workforce in each occupational category; and
- Taking measures to ensure the work environment is consistent with the intent of this policy and supports equal opportunity.

Human Resources Director, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The Human Resources Director is responsible for the general administration of the plan and will review all personnel policies, employment practices and procedures and make recommendations on steps to ensure equal employment opportunity.

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The duties of the equal employment opportunity officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Interpret and apply Federal laws, state statutes, and policies related to equal employment opportunity;
- Ensure the EEO Plan is submitted by March 1 annually in accordance with the EEO Instruction and Format Guide as specified by the Office of State Human Resources;
- Ensure hiring recommendations are reviewed for compliance with EEO program objectives prior to the final agency hiring decision;
- Ensure all employees are made aware of the EEO policy including the annual EEO Plan, EEO Policy, Reasonable Accommodation Policy, and Unlawful Workplace Harassment Policy and develop strategies to prevent unlawful workplace harassment and retaliation in the workplace;
- Maintain and analyze data on workforce utilization and employment practices, including records of all complaints and grievances alleging discriminatory practices;
- Advise management of the EEO program's impact and effectiveness;
- Provide or coordinate EEO training for management and employees;
- Provide confidential consultation for management and employees in matters involving EEO concerns;
- Ensure federal laws prohibiting job discrimination are posted in work locations where notices to applicants and employees are customarily posted and easily accessible to applicants and employees with disabilities;
- Establish and maintain effective working relations with groups concerned with EEO and Diversity & Inclusion;
- Coordinate programs to achieve program objectives;
- Present information on the EEO plan and program to management and employees on a regular basis; and
- Ensure all newly hired, promoted, or appointed supervisors and managers complete required EEO training in accordance with N.C.G.S. 126-16.1.

The EEO Officer is located in the Human Resources Office, 3rd Floor, Suite 321, Archives & History/State Library Building, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh (919) 814.6682.

Division Directors, Managers and Supervisors, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Each Division Director shall communicate to all management and supervisory staff, the intent of the equal employment opportunity program and require that they inform all of their employees. The Division Directors shall assure that all supervisory and management personnel within their divisions fully understand and support the Secretary's policy concerning equal employment opportunity for all individuals in DNCR. In addition, the directors shall appoint a representative to serve on the Diversity, Equity

and Inclusion Committee, with the responsibility to ensure that the overall objectives of the program are being met.

Managers and supervisors at all levels shall be held accountable for the progress of the department's EEO program and will be evaluated annually through the performance evaluation process to ascertain results produced within the respective sections.

The specific responsibilities of managers and supervisors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assist in the development and implementation of the EEO plan and program and establish program objectives;
- Maintain a diverse workforce for the department, division, work unit, or section;
- Assist the EEO officer in periodic evaluations to determine the effectiveness of the EEO program; and
- Provide a work environment and management practices which support equal opportunity in all terms and conditions of employment.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office (DEI) promotes and increases diversity, inclusion, and equity in DNCR's staff, substantive programming, and partnerships. The Assistant Secretary for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provides strategic direction for DNCR's statewide diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. This section directs and coordinates the day-to-day statewide effort in these areas. The DEI section coordinates with other managerial, professional and support staff in the delivery of divisional inclusion services in the assigned units and program areas. In addition, this office plans and implements diversity projects and initiatives that have regional and statewide impact; works inter-departmentally and across all divisions as a primary consultant regarding diversity initiatives; and partners with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other resource agencies. This office evaluates census data to increase programming reflective of state demographics and to meet needs such as aging, African American, Asian, and Hispanic populations. While focused on the goal of diversity, equity and inclusion, this office evaluates and plans programming and efforts to expand and ensure our educational opportunities and economic development continue to expand our Department's diversity.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The purpose of the DNCR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is to ensure that all elements of the department value and increase diversity and cultural inclusion in four areas: diversity of staff, boards, commissions, and friends groups; engagement with a wide array of diverse stakeholder groups and communities; development, expansion, and promotion of content, exhibits, and programs that reflect our state's diverse population; and increased use of historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in capital projects, procurement, and repair and renovation projects. The committee will look across the department to identify areas where sound practices are already in place, as well as aspects that need

improvement, and will suggest steps to address those issues. The committee will also support the department's Equal Employment Opportunity program and will seek to ensure that all employees are valued, respected, and treated fairly, and that diversity is appreciated in the workplace.

Working collaboratively with other divisions, the committee will have the following goals:

1. To achieve a workforce that reflects the state's demographic composition;
2. To be inclusive and affirming of diversity among employees;
3. To promote fair and equitable treatment and opportunities for advancement;
4. To promote awareness regarding diversity and inclusion topics;
5. To host listening sessions, lecture series and cultural events;
6. To encourage spending with minority contractors and vendors;
7. To ensure the department engages with a broad array of constituent groups and communities;
8. To ensure that the department's educational and outreach programs and materials reflect the state's culture, history, and demographics;
9. To promote department activities and attract new visitors through targeted marketing with minority serving agencies, institutions, social media and newspapers.

Committee membership shall be composed of at least one representative from each DNCR division. Committee members will be appointed by division directors with approval by the DNCR Secretary. Membership shall have representation from across varying job categories and reflect the staffing diversity within the department. The Assistant Secretary for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee, and the Assistant Secretary shall chair the committee. Members will serve two-year renewable terms. The committee shall elect a secretary to serve a two-year renewable term. Meetings will be held every other month.

Action Steps:

- Review and evaluate the equal employment opportunity plan and program;
- Review workforce representation data in each occupational category;
- Survey the organizational climate and employee attitudes and evaluate the resultant data;
- Meet with the Agency Head in conjunction with the EEO Officer to discuss EEO Programs, report on the employees' concerns, and recommend changes or additions to the EEO Policy, Plan, or Program;
- Identify recruitment resources and other activities designed to strengthen the EEO Program.
- Once appointed, all members shall attend the EEODF training, if they have not already completed the course.

Appendix A provides the current committee members to include their division, name, demographics and contact information.

Dissemination Procedures

Internal Dissemination

All DNCR employees will have access to the NCDNCR EEO Plan. EEO information will be disseminated in the following ways:

- The EEO plan will be distributed to deputy secretaries, assistant secretary and division directors following approval by the Office of State Human Resources.
- Division Directors will be asked to distribute the plan to their managers and supervisors;
- The EEO Policy statement shall be posted in areas throughout the department where employees and/or the public may congregate;
- The entire Plan will be available electronically through employee-accessed SharePoint;
- The EEO policy statement signed by the Secretary and EEO Officer will be distributed to all employees via email to include providing the name and address for the EEO Officer, a statement of the purpose of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee with names and phone numbers of committee members and a link to the full EEO plan and the EEO Informal Inquiry Complaint procedures through employee-accessed SharePoint;
- During new employee orientation, each employee will be provided information regarding the EEO policy and EEO Plan;
- EEODF training will be provided regularly to managers and supervisors; and
- Encourage input from all employees regarding the Department's Diversity and Inclusion opportunities.

External Dissemination

The public will be informed of the department's position on equal opportunities as follows:

- The department will post the EEO Plan on its website;
- General contract terms and conditions include a section on non-discrimination compliance for vendors to take affirmative action to comply with State and Federal laws regarding fair employment and treatment of employees without regard to discrimination; and
- The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources will include the statement, "An Equal Opportunity Employer" on all job advertisements, and any other recruitment material.

Program Activities and Action Steps

DNCR will adhere to the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan by doing the following:

- Reaffirm the department's commitment to equal opportunity and diversity and inclusion in its employment practices, program operations, and service delivery

systems.

- Outline goals and action steps to:
 - Attract and retain a diverse workforce that is reflective of the community;
 - Increase inclusion among employees of differing identities and backgrounds to promote a welcoming and productive workforce that responds to the needs of a diverse community;
 - Promote a work environment that is free of all forms of discrimination and harassment, including unfair treatment based on race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or any other basis protected by federal or state law;
 - Provide opportunities for career development and advancement for all employees, and identify barriers and challenges to diversity and inclusion and remove them or develop solutions; and
 - Increase the pool of qualified diverse applicants, particularly for job categories or areas that are underrepresented.

Recruitment, Selection, and Onboarding

The department is committed to increasing diversity and inclusion within the workforce by attracting a diverse pool of applicants to each occupational category, including veterans and persons with disabilities. Hiring objectives are identified on the B0170 report, in Appendix B, and additional data and actions are presented below. All new employees participate in an online new hire orientation that provides each employee with information regarding state government, the department, as well as HR and Safety policies and benefits.

Action Steps:

- Attract a diverse pool of applicants to each occupational category, including veterans and persons with disabilities;
- Review all leadership job openings and embed diversity goals within position objectives;
- Increase recruitment efforts to attract a broad and diverse candidate pool for positions in all categories, by continuing to build relationships with professional organizations representing diverse under-represented potential candidates for employment;
- Strengthen existing alliances with public and private universities in North Carolina, especially the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and college and university programs which promote educating and employing individuals with disabilities;
- When possible, participate in career fairs and advertise in publications targeted at under-represented groups;
- Support goals and objectives of NC Employment First initiative by actively recruiting and retaining qualified employees with disabilities;
- Advise human resources staff to recruit to support applicant pools that include diversity. Encourage re-posting a position utilizing other recruitment resources when applicant pools are small and non-diverse;

- Provide training to recruiters, hiring managers, and interviewers on the impact of implicit bias in the hiring process;
- Ensure interview panels are diverse with respect to race/ethnicity and gender; and
- Continue HBCU and Minority Institutions of Higher Education summer internship program to allow internship opportunities across the agency to encourage and promote a diverse pipeline of talent.

Promotion and Retention

Employees who are interested in a promotional opportunity must apply through the State of North Carolina electronic application process (NEOGOV) which is subject to fair and valid selection criteria as outlined in the OSHR recruitment policy. All promotions within the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources are subject to all federal and state equal employment laws and policies. DNCR Human Resource Managers review and analyze the selection criteria to ensure they are equitable.

Action Steps:

- Encourage employees to apply for promotional opportunities for which they are qualified;
- Encourage employees to register for job alerts from the NEOGOV system for available promotional opportunities;
- Develop an online application tool to support employee's understanding of necessary information on an application for it to be complete;
- Provide management development and leadership programs with a focus on developing future diverse leaders;
- Sponsor or support events, speakers, panels, and/or programs that will offer opportunities for employees to gain experience and knowledge about jobs and career paths;
- Explore additional ways to actively support and enhance career development and succession planning initiatives; and
- Promote the establishment of measurable division, teams and individual goals that demonstrate achievement and establish track records of success for career advancement.

Training and Development

It is the policy of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to ensure all human resources development programs and opportunities be provided to all employees on a non-discriminatory basis. All DNCR employees are encouraged to use the Learning Management System (LMS) to request training. Various training opportunities are also available through the state Employee Assistance Program vendor portal and are released on a monthly basis to all employees.

DNCR complies with NCGS 126-16.1, which requires the department to enroll each newly appointed supervisor and manager within one (1) year of their initial appointment in the Equal Employment Opportunity – Diversity Fundamental (EEODF) training. DNCR

has two certified EODF Instructors to provide training to employees in addition to the statewide courses through the Office of State Human Resources.

Supervisors and managers shall be trained to effectively fulfill their EEO responsibilities through employment decisions. The elements of such training should include:

- The definition of equal employment opportunity;
- The legal basis for EEO;
- Interpreting and applying EEO policies and guidelines;
- The guidelines for valid and legal selection procedures;
- Identifying and eliminating artificial barriers which can lead to discrimination;
- Implementing the EEO Program; and
- Managing diversity in the workplace.

Action Steps:

- Conduct a survey of Division Directors to determine training needs and develop a targeted training plan to support and promote DNCR mission goals and strategic EEO plan goals; and
- Implement online and in-person diversity and inclusion training for employees to ensure consistent understanding of DNCR's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Compensation and Benefits

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources follows the state compensation system and policies regarding salary administration for all salary decisions. Salary recommendations consider related education, training, and experience as well as the salaries of current employees performing similar duties and responsibilities. Appropriate analysis processes are in place to ensure that all benefits and conditions of employment are equally available without discrimination to all employees. This includes leave policies, retirements plan, insurance programs, and other terms and conditions of employment.

Action Steps:

- Conduct an analysis of current compensation by race, gender, and occupational categories and develop a plan for addressing any disparities in compensation.

Performance Management

It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to provide a statewide performance management system known as N.C. Valuing Individual Performance (NCVIP). NCVIP requires that all employees' work performance and values be evaluated annually.

DNCR is required to implement the statewide policy on Performance Management, as approved by the State Human Resources Commission. The process, which ensures a standard means by which employees are evaluated, focuses on the following:

- Automates the performance management process by utilizing technology so that performance can be effectively tracked and measured based on business-related outcomes;
- Establishes a basis for consistent and historical performance data for agency management, the Governor's office and the North Carolina legislature;
- Ensures the agency is setting and meeting critical business objectives and individual goals;
- Holds managers and supervisors accountable for the progress of DNCR's EEO Program by including it as an expectation in their performance evaluations;
- Ensures a performance management system, including employee performance standards, that is free from bias;
- Fosters a culture of continuous communication between employees and managers; and
- Provides the foundation where valid performance data can be utilized as one component of pay.

Action Steps:

- Conduct an annual analysis of performance ratings by race and gender and develop a plan for addressing any disparities.
- Deliver training on implicit bias and the performance management process.
- Deliver training to managers and supervisors on best practices for managing the performance management process.

Transfers and/or Separations

DNCR implements a structured and uniform procedure for determining the primary reasons for voluntary transfers and/or separations. This procedure involves requesting completion of exit interviews by departing employees. A collection of the information is shared with the Employee Relations Manager, in the Central Human Resources office, to alert them of any conditions that need immediate attention.

Action Steps:

- Create an online exit interview form for ease of anonymous submittal and increased trend analysis designed to identify patterns and trends, and measure impact on underutilized groups.

Disciplinary Process and Implementation

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources disciplinary process and implementation are designed to be fair and equitable and without regard to biases. The Employee Relations section of Human Resources monitors the disciplinary process and implementation. All demotions, suspensions, transfers, and dismissals are included in the disciplinary process and are subject to the state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunity.

The Employee Relations Manager is available to provide guidance to employees, supervisors, and managers, to ensure disciplinary actions are for just cause and provide fair and equitable corrective actions for improving unsatisfactory job performance and to assist

management with handling unacceptable personal conduct. Employee Relations and Human Resources Managers work in concert to ensure equal practices and fairness are in accordance with the Employee Disciplinary Appeal and Grievance Policy.

Action Steps:

- Conduct an annual analysis of disciplinary actions by race and gender and develop a plan for addressing any disparities.
- Deliver training to managers and supervisors on best practices for managing the disciplinary actions process.

Grievance Procedure

The grievance procedure is the administrative process designed to ensure equal treatment for all individuals filing complaints. The Employee Relations section of Human Resources, which includes the EEO Officer, is designated to deal with the internal complaint/grievance and EEO Informal Inquiry process. The department's grievance procedure is designed to be fair and resolve issues in a prompt and equitable manner. DNCR follows the state-wide employee grievance policy and prohibits retaliation against individuals who file a grievance or participate in the grievance process.

Action Steps:

- Conduct an annual analysis of grievances by race and gender and develop a plan for addressing any disparities.

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF)

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF), formerly known as Equal Employment Opportunity Institute (EEOI).

Managers and supervisors hired, promoted, or appointed on or after July 1, 1991 are required to participate in the EEODF or other OSHR approved diversity program within 12 months of assuming the role. Managers and supervisors hired prior to July 1, 1991 are encouraged to participate in EEODF as a refresher, since many laws and policies have changed over time.

The Equal Employment Opportunity & Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF) program is intended to provide state government executives, managers and supervisors with practical training that will assist them in becoming more effective managers and supervisors of an increasingly diverse workforce. The EEODF is intended to increase understanding among managers and supervisors of their roles and responsibilities in managing employees from different backgrounds and cultures, and the corresponding laws, policies, and employment practices and techniques complementing this purpose.

DNCR complies with NCGS 126-16.1, which requires the department to enroll each newly appointed supervisor and manager within one (1) year of their initial appointment into the

Equal Employment Opportunity – Diversity Fundamental (EEDF) training. All DNCR supervisors are automatically assigned the training through the Learning Management System (LMS) upon being placed in a supervisory position. Individuals shall complete online modules as pre-requisites to the instructor-led portion of the course.

Employment First and Reasonable Accommodation

In March 2019, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order (EO) #92 (Employment First for North Carolinians with Disabilities). The EO makes Employment First the policy of state agencies to reflect the state's goals to be a leader in recruiting workers with disabilities and making an inclusive job climate for those workers.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources complies with Federal and State Laws governing reasonable accommodations. This includes but is not limited to ADA, ADAAA, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act as amended. DNCR provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees unless the request causes undue hardship. Requests for accommodations are submitted to the EEO Officer for review and approval.

Program Evaluation and Reporting

Evaluation and reporting mechanisms are designed to assess overall EEO Program effectiveness and to determine the achievement of agency EEO objectives. These mechanisms will provide management with data on the various program activities, workforce trends, and progress towards achievement of program objectives.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall regularly assess the EEO program by the following:

- Review of recruitment practices to ensure vacancy announcements are disseminated to a diverse network of job recruiters;
- Hiring and promotion practices are reviewed to ensure decisions are based on job-related abilities using standardized processes;
- Discipline, grievance, compensation, and performance management data are reviewed to evaluate any trends and to ensure that bias is not a factor in decision-making;
- Data collected in the exit interview program is analyzed and trends shared with senior management; and
- Employees are regularly encouraged to provide feedback on their workplace environment.

The EEO Officer is responsible for making reports to the senior management and to the Office of State Human Resources, as requested. These reports will be used to ensure that the agency EEO Plan is being followed and that equal opportunities exist for employees and applicants. The EEO Officer will use the following data sources to generate necessary reports by race, gender, age, and disability status, when available:

- NEOGOV applicant tracking data;

- Business Objects (BOBJ) transactional reports for compensation, hiring, separations, promotions, and other employee actions;
- NCVIP data for performance management ratings; and
- Internal tracking reports such as selection/decision logs or other related information.

Harassment Prevention Strategies

DNCR strictly prohibits all types of unlawful workplace harassment which is defined as unwelcome or unsolicited speech or conduct that creates a hostile work environment or circumstances involving quid pro quo based on race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability. A hostile work environment is defined as an environment that both a reasonable person would find hostile or abusive and one that the person who is the object of the harassment perceives to be hostile or abusive. The DNCR EEO Officer will investigate complaints of unlawful workplace harassment in accordance with the statewide grievance policy.

The EEO Officer will provide counseling to managers and supervisors on prevention and correction of Unlawful Workplace Harassment. New hire orientation includes information on unlawful workplace harassment, and other workplace harassment classes are available in the Learning Management System (LMS).

DNCR has established strategies to ensure that the work environment is free of unlawful workplace harassment, including sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation, and no employment decisions will be made on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), political affiliation, National Guard or veteran status, genetic information, or disability.

These strategies include, but are not limited to:

- Commitment by the agency to the prohibition of unlawful workplace harassment, sexual harassment, and retaliation.
- Training and other methods to prevent harassing actions.
- A process for disseminating information prohibiting unlawful workplace harassment and retaliation to all employees.

Any supervisor who witnesses such harassment or is otherwise informed of a violation of this policy is directed to bring this to the immediate attention of the EEO Officer, division HR manager, or HR Director. Failure of a supervisor (or others) with such knowledge to promptly advise the EEO Officer or HR is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The investigation of any such complaint will be carried out promptly and will involve only those persons with a need to know.

Any employee found to have harassed another employee in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal, depending on the severity of the offense.

Action Steps:

- Require online training curriculum regarding promoting respect in the workplace and unlawful harassment;
- Provide a Lunch and Learn session(s) on a variety of EEO and diversity topics, including harassment prevention;
- Communicate a commitment by the agency to the prohibition of unlawful workplace harassment, sexual harassment, and retaliation; and
- Communicate to all agency employees the policy on prohibiting unlawful workplace harassment.

DNCR adheres to the state's Unlawful Workplace Harassment Policy, which is located in the State Human Resources Manual at [https://files.nc.gov/ncoshr/documents/files/Unlawful Workplace Harassment Policy update d.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/ncoshr/documents/files/Unlawful_Workplace_Harassment_Policy_update_d.pdf)

Reduction in Force (RIF) and Procedures

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) has the authority to separate an employee whenever it is necessary due to shortage of funds or work, abolishment of a position, or other material change in duties or organization. DNCR complies with the State Human Resources Reduction In Force policy and the Reduction in Force Priority policy. Retention of employees in classes affected shall be based on systematic consideration, at a minimum of the following factors:

- Type of appointment
- Relative efficiency
- Actual or potential adverse impact on the diversity of the workforce
- Length of service

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) shall notify the employee in writing of separation as soon as possible and in any case not less than 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of separation. The written notification shall include the reasons for the reduction in force, expected date of separation, the employee's eligibility for priority reemployment consideration, applicable appeal rights, and other benefits available. An employee separated through a reduction in force may appeal the separation only on the grounds listed in the Employee Grievance Policy.

Pursuant to the State Human Resources Manual, employees with career status (as defined by N.C.G.S. 126-1.1), who have received official written notification of imminent separation due to Reduction in Force, are eligible for priority consideration under the provisions outlined in the priority reemployment policy. An employee shall receive priority consideration for a period of 12 months from the date of the official written notification.

DNCR adheres to the state's Reduction in Force Policy, which is located in the State Human Resources Manual at <https://oshr.nc.gov/policies-forms/separation/reduction-in-force-policy>

Pregnancy Workplace Adjustments (EO #82)

In December 2018, Executive Order #82 (Promoting Health and Wellness by Clarifying Protections Afforded to Pregnant State Employees) was issued by Governor Roy Cooper. This Executive Order required that state agencies extend workplace protections and modifications to pregnant employees upon request, unless doing so would impose significant burdens or costs.

This Order specifically required that state agencies:

- Post written notice of the rights afforded to pregnant state employees under OSHR policies and this Executive Order. This notice must be physically displayed in a conspicuous area in each office maintained by the agency;
- Collect and compile information regarding efforts to educate management and staff of their obligations and employee rights under OSHR policies and Executive Order; and
- Provide OSHR information in the annual EEO Plan on the following:
 - The number of notices in each state agency office that educate management and their staff of their obligations and employee rights;
 - The content of those notices; and
 - Information regarding any additional education initiative(s) carried out by the agency, specifically the nature of the initiative (form and/or medium), the information conveyed, and the estimated number of management and staff who were able to obtain information from or otherwise had access to the initiative.

DNCR communicated information regarding the requirements of the EO with all divisions to include the notice of rights afforded to pregnant state employees provided by OSHR. This notice is required to be posted at all DNCR locations in common areas in which all employees have access.

Action Steps:

- The inclusion of this requirement in new employee orientation materials;
- Requirement posted on DNCR internal SharePoint; and
- Communicate a reminder of the rights of pregnant state employees and the requirement of posting the notice at all locations.

Prohibiting the Use of Salary History (EO #93)

In April 2019, Executive Order #93 (Prohibiting the Use of Salary History in the State Hiring Process) was issued by Governor Roy Cooper. This Executive Order prohibited state agencies from requesting salary history from applicants or relying on previously obtained prior salary information in determining an applicant's salary. OSHR was required to remove the employment history fields from the state application.

This Order specifically required that state agencies:

- Collect and compile information regarding their efforts to educate relevant staff about this Executive Order.
- Provide this information to OSHR in their annual EEO Plan.

DNCR communicated information regarding the requirements of the EO with all divisions to include OSHR's removal of the salary information from the state application, the revisions to the salary administration guidelines, and our commitment to pay equity. DNCR HR had training with HR staff to review revised Salary Qualification Worksheet and to ensure previous salary of candidates were not part of the salary decision.

Action Steps:

- Review all internal forms and process documents to ensure all prior reference to old salary qualification guidelines have been revised; and
- As referenced in the Compensation and Benefits section, conduct an analysis of current compensation by race, gender, and occupational categories and develop a plan for addressing any disparities in compensation.

Data Elements

Workforce Availability

Workforce availability for DNCR was determined using the Labor Force Analysis method. This section presents data on the race and gender of the department's permanent employee workforce as of December 2020 by occupational categories. This section also identifies over and under-represented groups by comparing the department's total number of permanent employees by race, gender, disability, and veteran status to the 2010 census data. This comparison allows evaluation of whether our workforce is reflective of the individuals employed or seeking employment in these occupational categories.

The B0170 report as of December 2020, in Appendix B, illustrates the number of DNCR permanent employees in each of the Standard Occupational Classes (SOC) by race, gender, disability and veteran status. The report further uses the Labor Force Standard from census data of individuals employed or seeking employment within those SOC categories to evaluate the number of permanent employees we have in each category as to what the expected number should be and the resulting number and percentage difference.

For the purposes of the workforce availability analysis, the following race/ethnicity categories were used:

1. **White (Non-Hispanic or Latino)** – All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East.
2. **Black or African American (Non-Hispanic or Latino)** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

3. **Hispanic or Latino** – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
4. **Asian (Non-Hispanic or Latino)** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
5. **American Indian or Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic or Latino)** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

In addition to the Labor Force Standard evaluation seen on the B0170 report in Appendix B, the below Table 1 compares the DNCR permanent employee demographics to the North Carolina population in which we serve. DNCR’s leadership team is comprised of 41% female employees, 59% male employees and 15% minority employees.

Table 1: Comparison of DNCR Permanent Employee Demographics to NC Population

Category	Number	Percentage	NC Population (2010 Census)
White+ Male	802	46.6	32.7
White+ Female	731	42.5	34.3
Black Male	62	3.6	9.9
Black Female	77	4.5	11.3
Hispanic Male	9	.5	4.5
Hispanic Female	11	.6	3.9
Asian+ Male	4	.2	1.0
Asian+ Female	8	.5	1.1
American Indian Male	2	.1	.6
American Indian Female	1	.1	.6
Ethnicity Unknown	15	.9	Not Reported
Total	1722	100	100
Veteran	56	3.3	Not Reported
Disability	49	2.8	11.6

NOTE: The White+ ethnicity group also includes the 'Two or More' designation from the HR/Payroll system since the current Census data does not contain the 'Two or More' demographic. The Asian+ ethnicity group also includes the 'Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander' designation from the HR/Payroll system since the current Census data does not contain the 'Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander' demographic.

Occupational Classifications

The Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system is used by the State of North Carolina when evaluating workforce availability. Occupations are grouped together into the SOC system by similar job duties, and in some cases skills, education, and/or training.

The eight (8) major categories used in the State of North Carolina are below:

1. **Officials and Administrators** – Occupations in which employees set broad policies, exercise overall responsibility for execution of these policies, direct individual

departments or special phases of the agency’s operations, or provide specialized consultation on a regional, district or area basis.

2. **Management Related** – Occupations which support the internal operations of an agency, department, or facility.
3. **Professionals** – Occupations which require specialized and theoretical knowledge which is usually acquired through college training or through work experience and other training which provides comparable knowledge.
4. **Technicians** – Occupations which require a combination of basic scientific or technical knowledge and manual skill which can be obtained through specialized post-secondary school education or through equivalent on-the-job training.
5. **Administrative Support** – Occupations in which workers are responsible for internal and external communication, recording and retrieval of data and/or information and other paperwork required in an office.
6. **Law Enforcement** – Occupations in which workers are entrusted with public safety, security, and protection from destructive forces.
7. **Service and Maintenance** – Occupations in which workers perform duties which result in or contribute to the comfort, convenience, hygiene, or safety of the public or which contribute to the upkeep and care of buildings, facilities or grounds of public property.
8. **Skilled Craft** – Occupations in which workers perform jobs which require special manual skill and a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the process involved in the work which is acquired through on-the-job training and experience or through other formal training programs.

DNCR has employees in each of the eight categories. Table 2 illustrates the number of permanent DNCR employees within each SOC category.

Table 2: Standard Occupational Classification Categories of DNCR employees

Category	Number
OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS	51
MANAGEMENT RELATED	83
PROFESSIONALS	645
TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS	15
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	207
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	301
SERVICE	168
SKILLED CRAFT	252
Total	1722

2021 Employment Objectives

The B0170 report as of December 2020, in Appendix B, illustrates the number of DNCR permanent employees in each of the SOC categories by race, gender, disability and veteran status, evaluates the difference from expected numbers and percentages based on 2010 NC census data, and outlines DNCR’s 2021 EEO employment objectives. DNCR has established objectives for specific race/gender groups in occupations in which underutilization is identified for categories of five (5) or more employees.

DNCR currently has a representation of 3.3% of veteran employees. The agency will continue to support veterans by ensuring that these valuable individuals are fairly represented in our workforce. North Carolina State Government uses employment objectives that are consistent with federal standards for veterans. Consistent with federal standards, DNCR has an overall employment objective of 5.7% for veterans.

DNCR currently has a representation of 2.8% of employees reporting a disability. The agency will continue to emphasize the employment of persons with disabilities and support the Employment First policy of the state (EO #92). To support and encourage individuals with disabilities to find employment, DNCR will focus on expanding recruitment strategies targeted at individuals with disabilities.

Attainment of 2020 Employment Objectives

DNCR attained some of the 2020 employment objectives through new hires and promotions. Table 3 shows the increase towards the 2020 employment objectives in the targeted underrepresented Standard Occupational Classifications (SOC).

Table 3: 2020 Employment Objectives Analysis

SOC Category	Increase Objective	Increase Result
OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS	2 Black Females	1 Black Female
MANAGEMENT RELATED	1 Black Female 1 Hispanic Male 1 Hispanic Female 1 Asian+ Male	1 Hispanic Female
PROFESSIONALS	6 Black Males 3 Black Females 2 Hispanic Females 1 American Indian/ Alaska Native Female	2 Black Males 2 Black Females 2 Hispanic Females

- Officials and Administrators:
3 new hires of which 1 black female was hired, and 2 promotions of which 1 was a black female.
- Management Related:
2 new hires of which 1 black female was hired, and 1 promotion which was a black female.
- Professional:
34 new hires of which 1 Black male, 2 Black females, and 2 Hispanic females were hired. 16 promotions with 1 being a Black female.

Appendix C compares the percentage of employees by demographics within each of the Standard Occupational Classifications for years 2019 and 2020 to illustrate the percentage of increase in underrepresented demographics.

Additional Areas of Evaluation

To provide further analysis of diversity and fairness within the DNCR workforce, the areas of performance management, recruitment and selection, promotions, and discipline were analyzed and are shown below. In these data sets, Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian or Alaska Native are combined into a single group called “Other Minority.”

Table 4: 2019-2020 Performance Cycle Ratings

Overall Rating:	WM	WF	BM	BF	OMM	OMF	TOTAL
Does Not Meet Expectations	2 40%	2 40%	1 20%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	5
Meets Expectations	619 46.5%	558 41.9%	53 4.0%	58 4.4%	23 1.7%	21 1.6%	1332
Exceeds Expectations	146 44.1%	160 48.3%	7 2.1%	12 3.6%	2 .6%	4 1.2%	331

Table 5: 2020 Recruitment and Selection

Applicant Pool	WM	WF	BM	BF	OMM	OMF	TOTAL*
Applications Received	5865 31%	7560 40%	1113 6%	2173 11%	762 4%	1068 6%	19003
Referred to Hiring Manager	967 37%	1060 40%	146 6%	223 8%	96 4%	113 4%	2649
Hired	71 39%	79 43%	9 5%	11 6%	6 3%	6 3%	183

NOTE: Total includes applicants that did not indicate race/gender.

Table 6: 2020 Promotions

Promotional Evaluation	WM	WF	BM	BF	OMM	OMF	TOTAL*
# of Promotions	23	26	1	3	0	0	54*
# of Employees	802	731	62	77	15	20	1722*
Percentage	2.87%	3.56%	1.61%	3.90%	0	0	3.14%

NOTE: Total includes employees that did not indicate race/gender.

Table 7: 2020 Discipline and Dismissal

Disciplinary	WM	WF	BM	BF	OMM	OMF	TOTAL
Written Warning	8/80%	2/20%	0	0	0	0	10/100%
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissal	1/100%	0	0	0	0	0	1/100%

Identification and Correction of Issues

Due to hiring restrictions during COVID-19 pandemic, fewer positions were filled during this past calendar year which limited our ability to change the composition of our employee demographics. Therefore, due to the hiring restrictions and standard attrition, the December 2020, BO170 report continues to show under representation in some of the same Standard Occupational Classifications. These continued vacancies will allow for more recruitment opportunities in the 2021 calendar year to pursue applicant pools with expanded diversity. Additionally, funding is a recruitment barrier in promotional materials and attendance at job fairs. However, the past year has allowed DNCR Human Resources staff to explore more virtual career fair opportunities and staff has gained experience in these environments which allow for expanded use of these opportunities in the coming year.

Meaning and Limitation of Data Presented

In reviewing the above data and attachments to this report, it is important to understand the meaning of and limitations on the data presented. The report compares the percentage of persons working various job categories in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources at a particular point in time with percentages of persons reported in various census statistics that reflects the population statewide from ages 16 - 64. Thus, the report's comparisons are only hypothetical comparisons. They do not include comparisons to percentages of applications received by the Department nor to the subset of these applications actually qualified for hire by the Department. Therefore, this report and any findings of "under-utilization" as to job category does not mean, and is not intended to mean, that there are any problems with the Department's hiring practices or that recruitment or hiring into that job category is illegal or "discriminatory." Rather, the identification of hypothetical "under-utilization" as to a particular job category merely serves to identify that category as one where the department should seek to ensure that potential candidates are being recruited, encouraged to apply for employment, and considered for employment.

Any setting of hiring "objectives" required by the report is again intended only as a tool to facilitate and focus recruitment efforts and is not intended as a quota, or mandate for hiring particular individuals regardless of qualifications. Further, the setting of such objectives is also hypothetical in that it requires a projection of both the numbers of vacancies and qualified applicants, neither of which may actually occur. The failure to achieve any of these "objectives" does not mean that "discrimination" has occurred. In sum, the report is intended solely as an aid to facilitate the Department's ongoing efforts to recruit and hire a diversified workforce.

Appendices

Appendix A: 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Members

Division	Position	Member	Telephone
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	Deputy Secretary	Tracey Burns	919.814.6758
Human Resources	EEO Officer/ER Manager	Shanita Washington-Ray	919.814.6682
African American Heritage Comm	Program Analyst II	Angela Thorpe	919.814.6511
Aquariums	Museum Curator Supervisor	Christin Brown	252.255.1501
Archives & Records	Historic Publications Editor	Dr. Joseph Beatty	919.814.6623
Arts Council	Program Manager I	Tamara Brothers	919.814.6526
Arts Council	Program Supervisor II	Carly Jones	919.814.6531
Capital Projects	Engineering Manager II	Erin Lawrence	919.814.6613
Historic Sites/State Capitol	Museum Curator I	Kara Deadmon	919.715.3981
Historic Sites/State Capitol	Historic Interpreter III	Natalie Rodriguez	919.715.3962
Historic Sites/State Capitol	Historic Site Manager III	Terra Schramm	919.715.3961
Human Resources	Accounting Technician I	Rodney Lovett	919.814.6740
Human Resources	Agency HR Manager II	Kimberley Sommerdorf	919-814.6677
Land and Water Stewardship	Program Coordinator II	Rodney Butler	919.707.8107
Marketing & Education	Policy Development Analyst	Jason Diem	919.814.6638
Museum of Art	Associate Director	Katherine White	919.664.6914
Museum of History	Museum Curator II	Percia Swift	919.814.7044
Museum of Natural Sciences	Info & Comm Specialist III	Eileen Miller-Murphy	919.707.9823
Museum of Natural Sciences	Museum Curator I	Jessica Rassau	919.707.9823
Parks and Recreation	Parks Regional Superintendent	Kristen Woodruff	919.676.1027
State Library	Librarian II	Francesca Evans	919.814.6858
State Library	Library Manager	Carl Keehn	919.715.6663
Symphony	Marketing Specialist I	Maria Ewing	919.733.2750
Symphony	Chief Executive Officer	Sandi Macdonald	919.733.2750
Tryon Palace	Program Coordinator II	Sharon Bryant	252.639.3592
Tryon Palace	Administrative Specialist II	Shenetta Fields	252.639.3500
Zoo	Zoo Educator	Kathy Osborne	336.879.7715

Appendix B: B0170 Job Opening Estimates Form Labor Force Standard by SOC Category as of 12/2020
Based on 2010 Census

SOC Category: OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	28	18	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	22	5	4	2
% Employed	54.9	35.3	2.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	43.1	9.8	7.8	3.9
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	1	2	-2	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1			-1	-9	-2	
% Difference	2.4	5.3	-3.4	1.5	-2.0	-1.1	-1.3	-0.8	-0.4	-0.3			4.6	-7.8	-3.8	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase			1	1	1											1
Target Classification(s)	Aquarium Assistant Director; Maintenance Construction Project Manager I, MOH Associate Director, Parks Administrator, Chief Deputy, Director of Archives and History															
Action Steps	post longer periods of time to ensure a large diverse pool, share posting with a variety of professional outlets															

SOC Category: MANAGEMENT RELATED

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	16	43	5	15	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	83	62	24	4	2
% Employed	19.3	51.8	6.0	18.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	74.7	28.9	4.8	2.4
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	-16	11	0	5	-2	-1	-1	2	-1	-1			16	1	-6	
% Difference	-18.8	13.3	0.3	6.7	-1.6	-0.9	-0.9	2.6	-0.2	-0.4			21.3	5.6	-6.8	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase	2					1	1									
Target Classification(s)	Business Services Coordinator I; Program Coordinator I,II, III, Program Analyst, Safety Consultant, HR Tech II, Staff Development Specialist															
Action Steps	post on various professional sites, share with universities of relevant degree programs, share with HBCUs															

SOC Category: PROFESSIONALS

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	256	347	5	14	3	7	2	4	0	0	7	645	372	40	16	2
% Employed	39.7	53.8	0.8	2.2	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0	57.7	6.2	2.5	0.3
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	81	22	-28	-69	-9	-12	-13	-11	-8	-10			-80	-155	-62	
% Difference	14.5	7.0	-3.9	-9.7	-2.2	-1.6	-1.9	-1.6	-1.2	-1.4			-7.3	-21.9	-8.7	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase			3	6	1	1	1	1								
Target Classification(s)	Library Manager, Library Supervisor, Librarian II, Library Tech, Museum Curator I, II, Art Museum Curator, Historic Publications Editor, Information and Communication Specialist I, Dive Safety Officer, Graphic Designer, Research Historian, Budget Analyst, Agency Legal Specialist, Development Associate, User Support Analyst, Zoo Educator															
Action Steps	post on various professional sites, share with universities of relevant degree programs, share with HBCUs															

SOC Category: TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	8	2	0	3
% Employed	40.0	46.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	53.3	13.3	0.0	20.0
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	2	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1			-6	-8	-2	
% Difference	14.2	-0.6	0.9	-8.6	-0.7	-1.7	-1.0	-1.2	-0.2	-0.8			-13.0	-13.4	-11.6	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase							1									
Target Classification(s)	Veterinarian, Engineering Tech I															
Action Steps	post longer periods of time to ensure a large diverse pool, share posting with a variety of professional outlets															

SOC Category: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	24	145	8	22	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	207	169	35	11	9
% Employed	11.6	70.0	3.9	10.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.9	100.0	81.6	16.9	5.3	4.3
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	-11	32	-7	-12	-2	-5	-1	-2	-1	-2			11	-31	-14	
% Difference	-5.3	15.7	-2.9	-5.5	-0.7	-2.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5			7.1	-12.0	-6.3	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase	1			2												
Target Classification(s)	Administrative Specialist I, II, Administrative Associate II, Executive Assistant I															
Action Steps	interview larger pool of applicants to have qualified diverse pool for selection, utilize diverse interview panels															

SOC Category: PROTECTIVE SERVICES

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	198	63	22	10	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	301	74	38	5	17
% Employed	65.8	20.9	7.3	3.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	100.0	24.6	12.6	1.7	5.6
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	25	24	-27	-20	-5	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1			0	-57	-30	
% Difference	8.6	8.2	-8.9	-6.5	-1.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2			1.0	-17.5	-9.9	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase			5	4	1				1							
Target Classification(s)	Security Coordinator, Security Guard, Company Security Officer II, Park Ranger															
Action Steps	interview larger pool of applicants to have qualified diverse pool for selection, utilize diverse interview panels															

SOC Category: SERVICE

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	64	87	7	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	168	94	16	2	3
% Employed	38.1	51.8	4.2	3.6	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0	56.0	9.5	1.2	1.8
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	29	27	-11	-27	-8	-8	-2	-3	-1	-2			-13	-62	-18	
% Difference	17.6	16.4	-6.5	-15.5	-4.2	-4.7	-1.0	-1.3	-0.3	-0.9			-6.0	-34.5	-10.4	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase			1	2	1	1										
Target Classification(s)	Housekeeper, Groundworker II, Vehicle/Equipment Repair Operator															
Action Steps	interview larger pool of applicants to have qualified diverse pool for selection, utilize diverse interview panels															

SOC Category: SKILLED CRAFT

	White+ Male	White+ Fem	Black Male	Black Fem	Hisp Male	Hisp Fem	Asian+ Male	Asian+ Fem	AIAN Male	AIAN Fem	Ethn Unk	Total	Tot Fem	Tot Mnrt	Disab	Vets
Agency Data																
# Employed	210	21	13	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	252	27	21	7	18
% Employed	83.3	8.3	5.2	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	100.0	10.7	8.3	2.8	7.1
Labor Force Standard																
# Difference	77	0	-28	-8	-32	-7	-3	-2	-2	0			-17	-82	-23	
% Difference	30.6	0.0	-10.7	-2.9	-12.6	-2.6	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7	0.2			-5.8	-30.8	-8.8	
Employment Objectives: Using SOC Category																
Planned # Increase			2	1	2	1										
Target Classification(s)	General Utility Worker, Electrician, Plumber, Maintenance/Construction Supervisor II, Maintenance/Construction Technician I, Museum Tech, Zookeeper															
Action Steps	Utilize recruitment resources such as diversity.com, Racial Equity Institute, community college programs															

Appendix C: DNCR EEO Quantitative Analysis

SOC Category	White Males		White Females		Black Males		Black Females		Other Minority Males		Other Minority Females	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Officials & Administrators	55.10%	54.90%	34.69%	35.29%	4.08%	1.96%	6.12%	7.84%	0	0	0	0
Management Related	20.69%	19.28%	51.72%	51.81%	4.60%	6.02%	16.09%	18.07%	0	0	4.60%	4.82%
Professional Specialty	40.03%	39.69%	54.05	53.80%	.47%	.78%	2.03%	2.17%	.78%	.78%	1.40%	1.71%
Technicians & Technologists	42.86%	40.00%	42.86%	46.67%	7.14%	6.67%	7.14%	6.67%	0	0	0	0
Administrative Support	10.60%	11.59%	69.56%	70.05%	5.53%	3.87%	11.06%	10.63%	.46%	.97%	1.38%	.97%
Protective Services	65.68%	65.78%	20.46%	20.93%	8.25%	7.31%	2.97%	3.32%	1.65%	1.33%	.33%	.33%
Service	40.11%	38.10%	50.28%	51.79%	4.52%	4.17%	2.83%	3.57%	1.13%	1.19%	.57%	.60%
Skilled Crafts	82.85%	83.33%	9.12%	8.33%	4.75%	5.16%	1.83%	1.98%	.73%	.79%	.37%	.40%
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	46.97%	46.57%	42.09%	42.45%	3.86%	3.60%	4.20%	4.47%	.85%	.87%	1.02%	1.16%