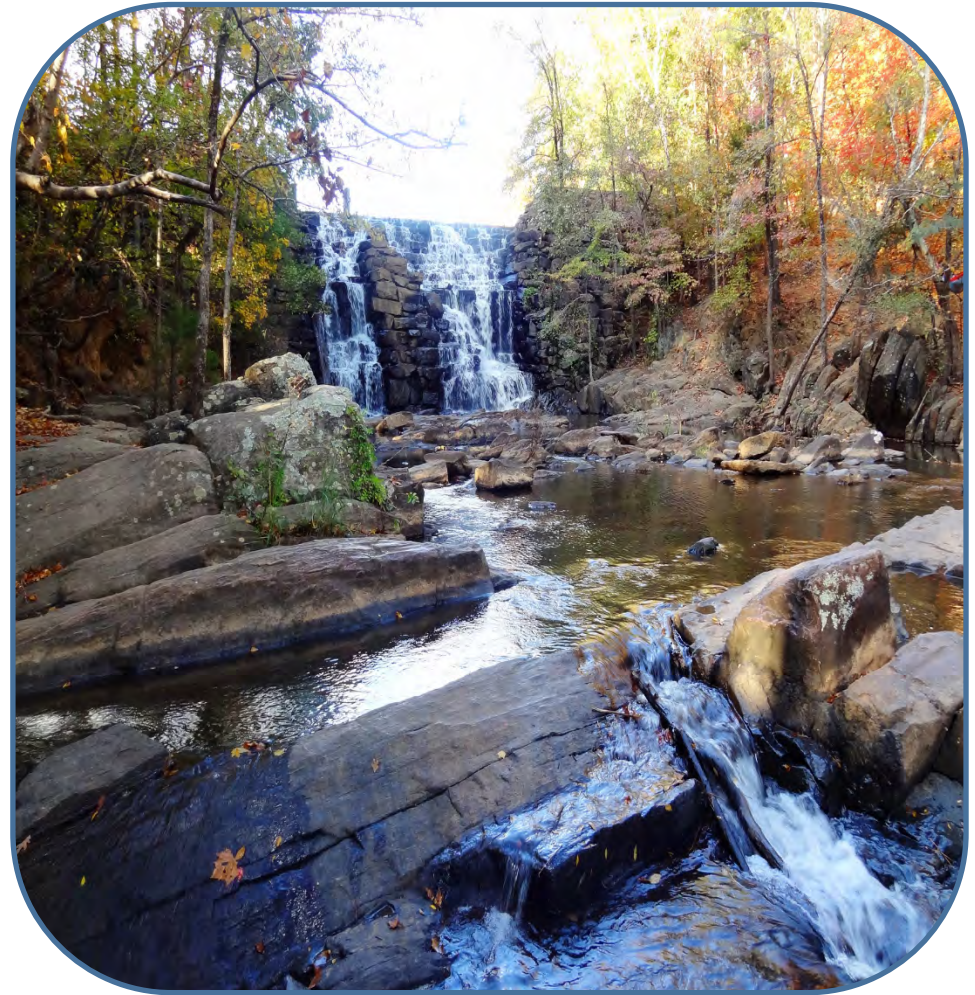


AL State Parks Profile:

- Created in 1939, the first parks were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- Last year, 5 parks closed, leaving 17 open. Some closed parks went to municipal management.
- The 17 parks collectively have about 45,000 Acres
- 5 resort parks with lodge, restaurant, and meeting facilities.
- 10 Parks with modern cottages and campgrounds.
- 2 parks with cave tours.



Alabama State Parks Guests



50% from
Alabama



50% from
out of state



Over 4.6 million
guests per year

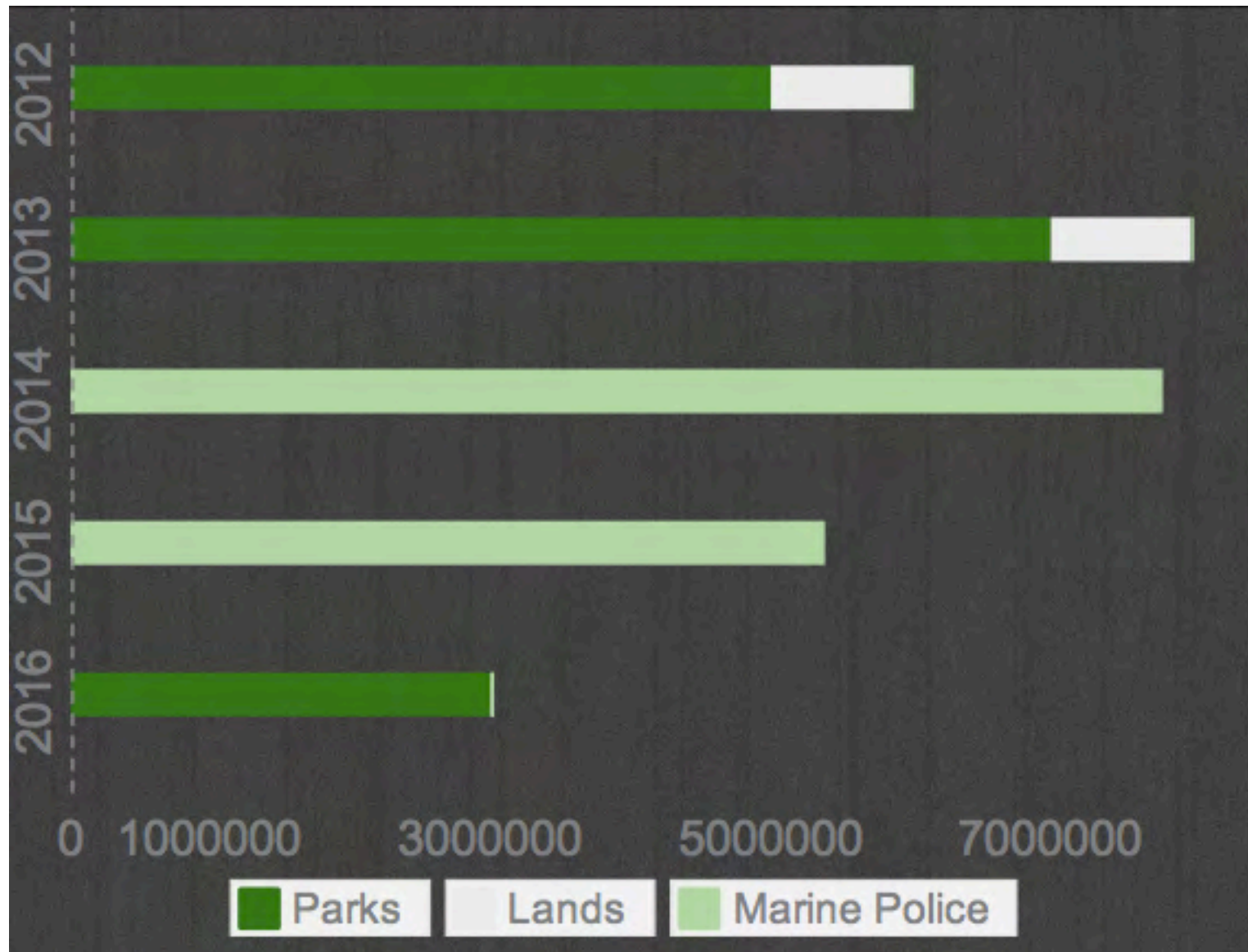
**\$375 million economic
impact on Alabama**

ADCNR Cash Transfer History

- In the 2011 session, the Legislature passed a law un-earmarking earmarked agency funds.
- Law was passed as a temporary measure, for two years.
- In 2013, a new law was passed allowing for transfers from any agency fund to General Fund via the annual Budget Act.
- Since 2012, \$30 million has been transferred from the DCNR, \$15 million came directly from the State Parks budget.



Alabama Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources budget transfer history



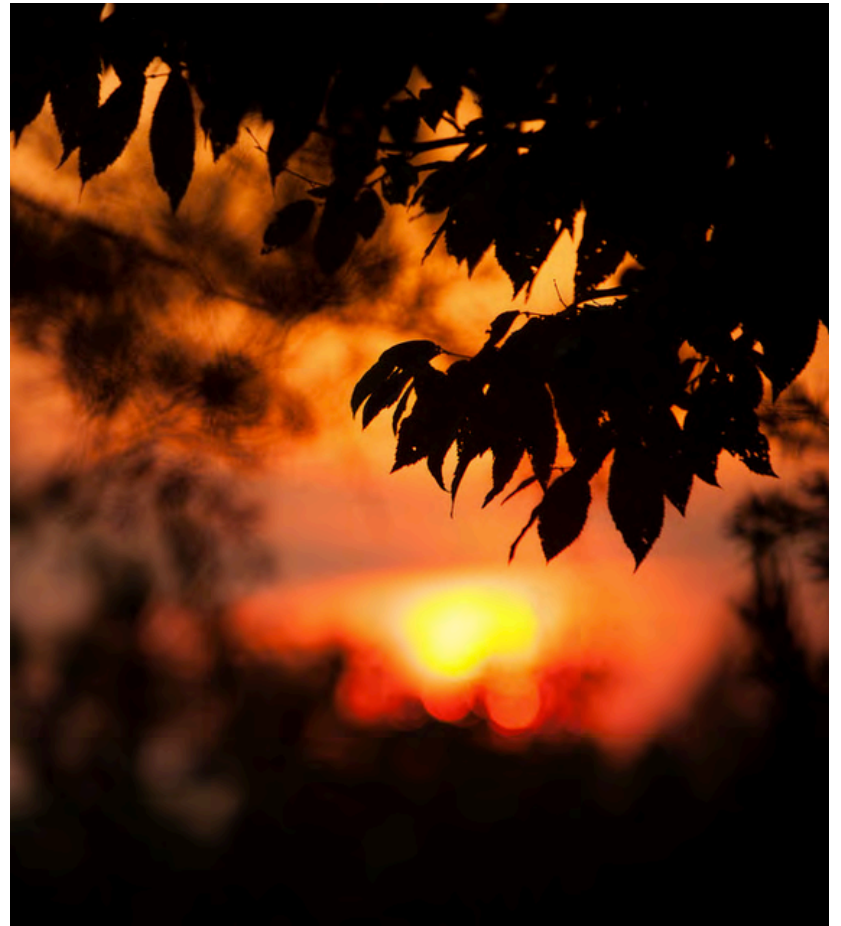
Present Problem

- The transfer of park funds to the General Fund depleted the park system's cash reserves. These reserves are necessary to get through slower winter months.
- The parks do not receive any appropriations from the State General Fund.
- The parks make most of their funds in guest fees; much of the funds transferred from the parks were these guest fees.
- When the parks do not know their budget in the next year, let alone for a decade in the future, the parks cannot properly plan maintenance, new developments or plan for the short & long term.



Why are the State Parks receiving the cuts?

- Prior to 2014 the Marine Police department received much of the brunt of these transfers.
- Marine Police have been transferred to the Alabama Law enforcement Agency (ALEA), and is no longer a transfer option for ADCNR.
- Other DCNR departments receive Federally matched dollars at a 3-1 ratio.
- If the state accesses Federal funds, they must repay the federal government ten of millions of dollars.



History of Transfers AL Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources to AL General Fund

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
From Parks	5,000,000	7,000,000			3,000,000	15,000,000
From Lands	1,000,000	1,000,000				2,000,000
From Marine Police			7,800,000	5,386,000		13,186,000
Total Transfers from DCNR	6,000,000	8,000,000	7,800,000	5,386,000	3,000,000	30,186,000

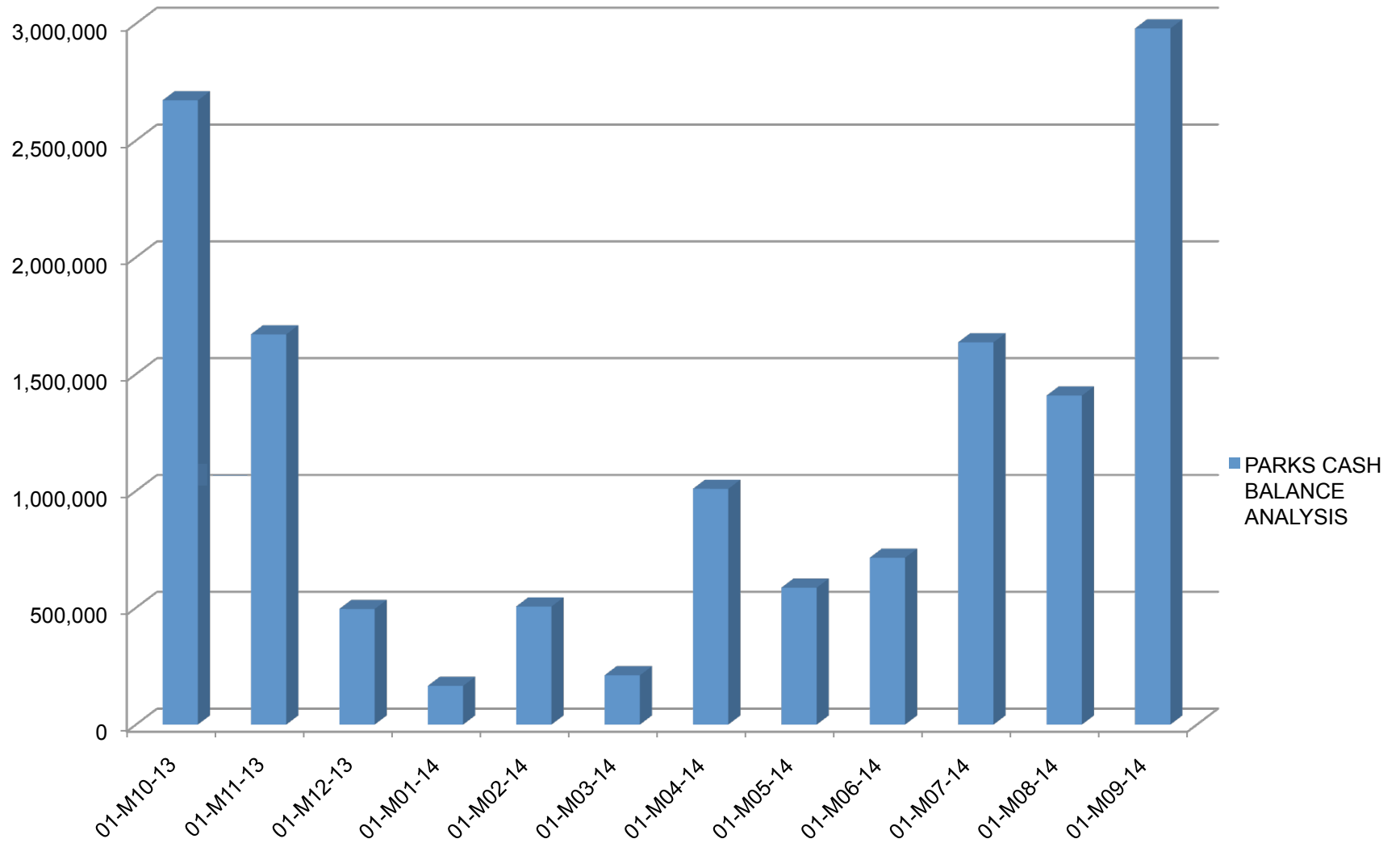
These funds were transferred from ADCNR to the General Fund to shore up other agencies budget short falls.

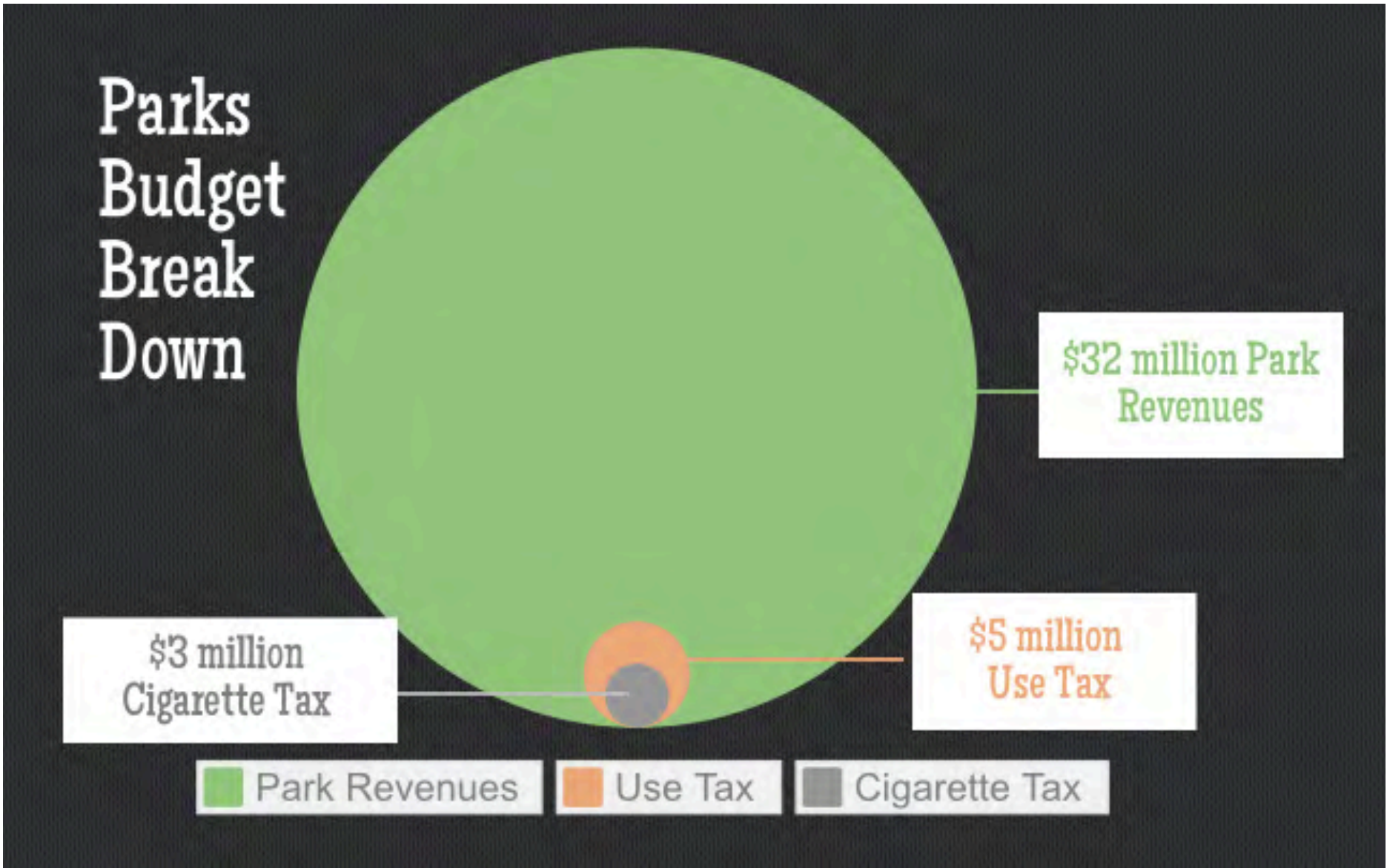
Parks' Seasonal Revenue Pattern

- September and October are typically the last months when revenue exceeds expenditures.
- November through March represent months when expenditures exceeds revenue and Parks rely on profits from previous summer.
- April begins a “break even” period and transitions to the profit period extending from May through September/ October.



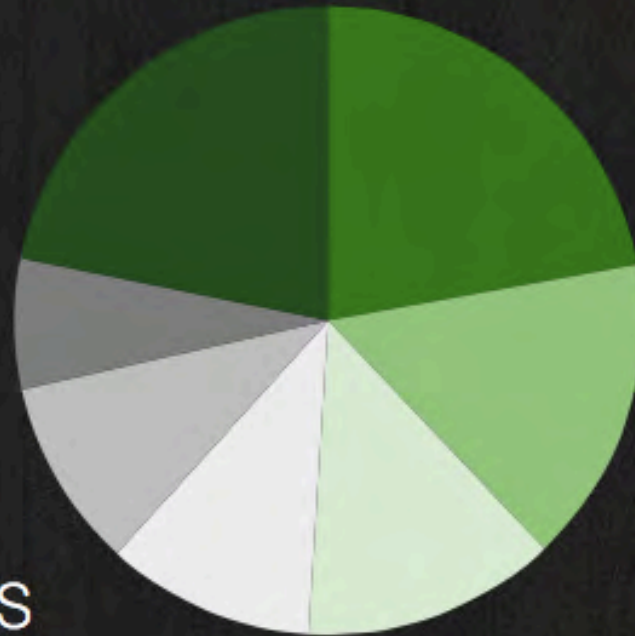
ACTUAL 2014 STATE PARKS MONTHLY CASH BALANCE





Alabama's State Parks do not receive any appropriations from the State's General Fund.

Park Revenue Streams



In millions
of dollars

Camping (22%)

Cottages/cabins/chalets (16%)

Admission/tours/fees (13%)

Lodge Rooms (11%)

Sales (10%)

Golf (7%)

Other (22%)

1/4 Parks
Staff are
Volunteers



Employee (75%)

Volunteer (25%)

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Louise Crawford Fine What an embarrassment to our state if we allow this to happen let alone the loss of revenue. The media, both state and national, will have a field day if this happens and I doubt our representatives will be reelected. Its time to bite the bullet and raise taxes.
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Tell lawmakers our State Parks cannot afford more cuts!

The parks only receive \$5-7 million in tax dollars annually.



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