DEPARTMENT-WIDE

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Since 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has played a pivotal role in preserving historic places as the principal funding source for adding to our national parks and other public lands. In 2020, after decades of sustained advocacy, Congress enacted the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), which provides, for the first time, full and dedicated funding for the LWCF at $900 million annually. This long-sought achievement will provide new and unprecedented opportunities for land acquisition projects at the federal and state level.

LWCF helps people experience places that tell diverse American stories.

LWCF has helped ensure permanent stewardship of and public access to:
- Women’s history sites like the Women’s Rights National Historical Park in New York
- Iconic civil rights sites like the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park in Georgia
- Civil War battlefields like those at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park in Virginia
- Native American cultural landscapes like the Great Bend of the Gila in Arizona

Background

Each year, $900 million—primarily from offshore oil and gas revenues—is deposited into the LWCF. Because of GAOA, $900 million is now available to the LWCF annually without need of appropriations. However, funding levels for particular programs within the LWCF will be established by the Congressional appropriations committees. These funds provide sustained investments for federal land acquisition by the National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and other land managers. It will provide unprecedented levels of funding for State Conservation Grants, Outdoor Recreation Legacy Grants, the American Battlefield Protection Program, and other land protection programs.

FY 2023 Appropriations Request

LWCF advocacy is moving to a new phase. If there is a historic site within or adjacent to a national park or BLM area that should be protected, meet with the local agency staff and advocate for its acquisition. Locally supported projects will then enter into the agency process that leads to Congressional funding. Explore whether your state park agency will use its NPS state acquisition authority to acquire historic properties.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
AGENCY: Crosscutting
ACTIVITY: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Recent Funding History:
- FY 2020 Enacted Funding: $495.103 million
- FY 2021 Enacted Funding: $900.000 million
- FY 2022 Enacted Funding: $900.000 million
- FY 2023 President’s Budget Request: $900.000 million
- FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation: $900.000 million

JUSTIFICATION: When the President’s budget is released, determine whether there are historic places you care about that are included in the LWCF funding request. Educate your Congressional representatives of the importance of the project and its funding.
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Historic and Cultural Units of the National Park System Protected with LWCF

ALABAMA
Cape Krusenstern NM
Freedom Riders NM
Tuskegee Airmen NHS
Tuskegee Institute NHS
Selma To Montgomery NHT

ALASKA
Sitka NHS
Klondike Gold Rush NHS

ARIZONA
Coronado Nmem
Fort Bowie NHS
Hubbell Trading Post NHS
Montezuma Castle NM
Tumacácori NHS
Tuzigoot NM

ARKANSAS
Arkansas Post Nmem
Fort Smith NHS (also OK)
Little Rock Central High School NHS
President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home NHS

CALIFORNIA
Eugene O’Neill NHS
John Muir NHS
Manzanar NHS
San Francisco Maritime NHS
Tule Lake NM

COLORADO
Bent’s Old Fort NHS
Mesa Verde NP
Sand Creek Massacre NHS
Yucca House MN

CONNECTICUT
Weir Farm NHS

DELWARE
Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHS (also DC, MD, NY, PA, VA)
First State NHS (also PA)

FLORIDA
Castillo de San Marcos NM
Fort Caroline Nmem
Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve

GEORGIA
Andersonville NHS
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP (also TN)
Fort Frederica NM
Jimmy Carter NHS
Kennesaw Mountain NBP
Martin Luther King Jr., NHS
Ocmulgee Mounds NHS

GUAM
War in the Pacific NHS

HAWAII
Ala Kahakai NHS
Hono'uluili NHS
Kalaupapa NHS (lease)
Puʻuhonua o Hōnaunau NHS
Puʻukoholā Heiau NHS

IDAHO
Lewis & Clark NHS (also IL, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, ND, OR, SD, WA)
Minidoka NHS (also WA)
Nez Perce NHS (also MT, OR, WA)

ILLINOIS
Lincoln Home NHS

INDIANA
George Rogers Clark NHS
Lincoln Boyhood Nmem

IOWA
Effigy Mounds NM
Herbert Hoover NHS

KANSAS
Brown v. Board of Education NHS
Fort Larned NHS
Fort Scott NHS
Nicodemus NHS

KENTUCKY
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS
Camp Nelson NM
Cumberland Gap NHS (also TN, VA)

LOUISIANA
Cane River Creole NHS
Jean Lafitte NHS&P

MAINE
Saint Croix Island International Historic Site

MARYLAND
Antietam NBP
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHS (also DC, WV)
Clara Barton NHS
Hampton NHS
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad NHS
Monocacy NB
Piscataway Park
Thomas Stone NHS

MASSACHUSETTS
Adams NHP
Boston NHS
Frederick Law Olmsted NHS
John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS
Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters NHS
Lowell NHS
Minute Man NHS
New Bedford Whaling NHS
Salmon Maritime NHS
Saugus Iron Works NHS
Springfield Armory NHS

MICHIGAN
Keweenaw NHS
River Raisin NBP

MINNESOTA
Grand Portage NM

MISSISSIPPI
Natchez NHS
Vicksburg NHS & Park (also LA)

MISSOURI
George Washington Carver NM
Harry S Truman NHS
Wilson’s Creek NB

MONTANA
Big Hole NB
Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS

NEBRASKA
Homestead National Monument of America
Scotts Bluff NM

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Saint-Gaudens NHS

NEW JERSEY
Morristown NHS
Paterson Great Falls NHS
Thomas Edison NHS

NEW MEXICO
Aztec Ruins NM
Bandelier NM
Chaco Culture NHS
El Malpais NM
El Morro NM
Pecos NHS
Potrgyilgh NM
Salinas Pueblo Missions NM

NEW YORK
Eleanor Roosevelt NHS
Fort Stanwix NHS
General Grant Nmem
Governors Island NHS
Hamilton Grange Nmem
Harriet Tubman NHS
Home of Franklin D Roosevelt NHS
Martin Van Buren NHS
Sagamore Hill NHS
Saint Paul’s Church NHS
Saratoga NHS
Stonewell NM
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS
Women’s Rights NHS

NORTH CAROLINA
Carl Sandburg Home NHS
Fort Raleigh NHS
Guilford Courthouse NHS
Moores Creek NB

NORTH DAKOTA
Fort Union Trading Post NHS (also MT)
Knife River Indian Villages NHS
Theodore Roosevelt NP

OHIO
Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM
Dayton Aviation Heritage NHS
First Ladies NHS
Hopewell Culture NHS
James A Garfield NHS
 Perry’s Victory & International Peace Memorial
William Howard Taft NHS

OKLAHOMA
Washita Battlefield NHS

OREGON
Lewis and Clark NHS (also WA)

 PENNSYLVANIA
Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
Edgar Allan Poe NHS
Eisenhower NHS
Flight 93 Nmem
Fort Necessity NHS
Friendship Hill NHS
Gettysburg NHS
Independence NHS
Johnston Ford Nmem
Valley Forge NHS

PUERTO RICO
San Juan NHS

RHODE ISLAND
Roger Williams Nmem

SOUTH CAROLINA
Charles Pickney NHS
Cowpens NB
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie NHS
Ninety Six NHS
Reconstruction Era NHS

TENNESSEE
Fort Donelson NHS (also KY)
Shiloh NHS (also MS)
Stones River NB

TEXAS
Allabates Flint Quaries NHS
Fort Davis NHS
Lyndon B Johnson NHS
Palo Alto Battlefield NHS
San Antonio Missions NHS
Waco Mammoth NHS

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Salt River Bay NHS and Ecological Preserve

UTAH
Golden Spike NHS

VERMONT
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHS

VIRGINIA
Appomattox Court House NHS
Booker T Washington NHS
Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHS
Colonial NHS
Fort Monroe NHS
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania NHS
George Washington Birthplace NHS
Magpie L Walker NHS
Manassas NBP
Petersburg NB
Richmond NBP

WASHINGTON
Fort Vancouver NHS (also OR)
San Juan Island NHS
Whitman Mission NHS

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Carter G Woodson Home NHS
Ford’s Theatre NHS
Frederick Douglass NHS
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS

WEST VIRGINIA
Harpers Ferry NHS (also MD, VA)

Abbreviations: NBP: National Battlefield NHS
NHP: National Historical Park
NHT: National Historic Trail
NM: National Monument
Nmem: National Memorial
NHS: National Historical Park
NMP: National Military Park

NOTE: This list includes NPS historic and cultural units and does not reflect recent acquisitions. Many other NPS units have protected historic or cultural resources with LWCF, including a historic ranch and traditional Lakota sites at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota and historic resources at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin. Other federal agencies also use LWCF. For example, the BLM has added land at the Sears Point ACEC in Arizona, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado, and many others. States also use LWCF for state and local historic parks, including sites like Fort Churchill State Historic Park along the Pony Express National Historic Trail in Nevada.

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