

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



Grand Portage National Monument in Minnesota is in the ancestral homeland of the Grand Portage Ojibwe Tribe. It has been a vital transportation port for the Ojibwe for thousands of years and later for eighteenth century European fur traders. The historic depot and dock on Grand Portage Bay on Lake Superior are pictured above.

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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.

DEPARTMENT-WIDE

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 NHP
Klondike Gold Rush NHP

ARIZONA

Coronado Nmem
Fort Bowie NHS
Hubbell Trading Post NHS
Montezuma Castle NM
Tumacácori NHP
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 NHP
Tule Lake NM

COLORADO

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

CONNECTICUT

Weir Farm NHS

DELAWARE

Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT (also DC, MD, NY, PA, VA)
First State NHP (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., NHP
Ocmulgee Mounds NHP

GUAM

War in the Pacific NHP

HAWAII

Ala Kahakai NHT
Honouliuli NHS
Kalaupapa NHP (lease)
Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau NHP
Pu'ukoholā Heiau NHS

IDAHO

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

ILLINOIS

Lincoln Home NHS

INDIANA

George Rogers Clark NHP
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 NHP
Camp Nelson NM
Cumberland Gap NHP (also TN, VA)

LOUISIANA

Cane River Creole NHP
Jean Lafitte NHP&P

MAINE

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site

MARYLAND

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

MASSACHUSETTS

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

MICHIGAN

Keweenaw NHP
River Raisin NBP

MINNESOTA

Grand Portage NM

MISSISSIPPI

Natchez NHP
Vicksburg NMP (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 NHP

NEW JERSEY

Morristown NHP
Paterson Great Falls NHP
Thomas Edison NHP

NEW MEXICO

Aztec Ruins NM
Bandelier NM
Chaco Culture NHP
El Malpais NM
El Morro NM
Pecos NHP
Petroglyph NM
Salinas Pueblo Missions NM

NEW YORK

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Carl Sandburg Home NHS
Fort Raleigh NHS
Guilford Courthouse NMP
Moore's 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 NHP
First Ladies NHS
Hopewell Culture NHP
James A. Garfield NHS
Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial
William Howard Taft NHS

OKLAHOMA

Washita Battlefield NHS

OREGON

Lewis and Clark NHP (also WA)

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
Edgar Allan Poe NHS
Eisenhower NHS
Flight 93 Nmem
Fort Necessity NB
Friendship Hill NHS
Gettysburg NMP
Independence NHP
Johnstown Flood Nmem
Valley Forge NHP

PUERTO RICO

San Juan NHS

RHODE ISLAND

Roger Williams Nmem

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

TENNESSEE

Fort Donelson NB (also KY)
Shiloh NMP (also MS)
Stones River NB

TEXAS

Alibates Flint Quarries NM
Fort Davis NHS
Lyndon B Johnson NHP
Palo Alto Battlefield NHP
San Antonio Missions NHP
Waco Mammoth NM

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Salt River Bay NHP and Ecological Preserve

UTAH

Golden Spike NHP

VERMONT

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP

VIRGINIA

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

WASHINGTON

Fort Vancouver NHS (also OR)
San Juan Island NHP
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 NHP (also MD, VA)

WYOMING

Fort Laramie NHS

ABBREVIATIONS

NB: National Battlefield
NBP: National Battlefield Park
NHP: National Historical Park
NHP&P: National Historical Park and Preserve
NHS: National Historic Site
NHT: National Historic Trail
NM: National Monument
Nmem: National Memorial
NMP: National Military Park/NHS

NOTE: This list only 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 lands 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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