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. Through the American Battlefield Protection Program, LWCF also helps states, local governments, and their partners preserve historic battlefields.

LWCF helps people experience places that tell diverse American stories.

LWCF has helped ensure permanent stewardship of and public access to:
- Iconic Civil Rights Era 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 managed by the Bureau of Land Management like Sears Point at the Great Bend of the Gila in Arizona and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado

Background

Each year, $900 million—primarily from offshore oil and gas revenues—is deposited into the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the U.S. Treasury. Congress then appropriates funding from LWCF for federal land acquisition, outdoor recreation grants to states that fund state and local park projects, the American Battlefield Protection Program, and a handful of other programs that provide permanent preservation and conservation benefits across the nation.

FY 2020 Appropriations Request

Please support increasing funding toward the full $900 million for Land and Water Conservation Fund programs in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations bill, including at least $10 million for American Battlefield Protection Program acquisition grants.

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

Recent Funding History:

- FY 2017 Enacted Funding: $400 million
- FY 2018 Enacted Funding: $425 million
- FY 2019 Enacted Funding: $435 million
- FY 2020 President’s Budget Request: ($23.450)

FY 2020 NTHP Recommendation: Increase toward full funding of $900 million, including $10 million for American Battlefield Protection Grants

JUSTIFICATION: LWCF has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to grow the historic and cultural parks managed by the National Park Service, preserve battlefields, and bring other lands with cultural and historic significance into public stewardship at the federal, state, and local levels. This popular and effective program is essential to America’s $887 billion per year outdoor recreation economy. Within LWCF funding, at least $10 million should be dedicated for the American Battlefield Protection Program.
Historic and Cultural Units of the National Park System Protected with LWCF

ALABAMA
Tuskegee Airmen NHS
Tuskegee Institute Nm

ALASKA
Sillio NHS
Klondike Gold Rush NHS

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

ARKANSAS
Arkansas Post Nmem
Fort Smith NHS (also OK)
Little Rock Central High School NHS

CALIFORNIA
Eugene O'Neill NHS
John Muir NHS
Manzanar NHS

COLORADO
Bent's Old Fort NHS
Mesa Verde NP
Sand Creek Massacre NHS

CONNECTICUT
Weir Farm NHS

DELAWARE
Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT (also DC, MD, NY, PA, VA)

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

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

GUAM
War in the Pacific NHS

HAWAII
Alii Kahiakai NHT
Honouliuli NHS
Kalaupapa NHS (lease)
Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau NHP
Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS

IDAHO
Lewis & Clark NHT (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
Necodemus NHS

KENTUCKY
Cumberland Gap NHP (also TN, VA)

LOUISIANA
Cane River Creole NHS
Jean Lafitte NHP&P

MAINE
Saint Croix Island International Historic Site

MARYLAND
Antietam NB
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHS (also DC, WV)
Clarke Barton NHS
Hampton NHS
Monacacy NB
Piscataway Park
Thomas Stone NHS

MASSACHUSETTS
Adams NHS
Boston NHS
Frederick Law Olmsted NHS
Lowell NHS
Minute Man NHS
New Bedford Whaling NHS
Salem Maritime NHS
Saugus Iron Works NHS
Springfield Armory NHS

MICHIGAN
Keweenaw NHP
River Raisin NBP

MINNESOTA
Grand Portage NM

MISSISSIPPI
Natchez NHS
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

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Saint-Gaudens NHS

NEW JERSEY
Morristown NHP
Paterson Great Falls NHS
Thomas Edison NHS

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

NEW YORK
Eleanor Roosevelt NHS
Governors Island NM
Hamilton Grange Nmem
Home of Franklin D Roosevelt NHS
Martha Washington Nmem
Washington's Headquarters NHS
Women's Rights NHS

NORTH CAROLINA
Corpus Christi NHS
Fort Raleigh NHS
Guilford Courthouse NHP
Moores Creek NB

NORTH DAKOTA
Fort Union Trading Post NHS (also MT)

NORTH CAROLINA
Carl Sandburg Home NHS

OCCIDENT
Knob Creek NHS

OREGON
Lewis and Clark NHP (also WA)

PENNSYLVANIA
Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
Eisenhower NHS
Flight 93 Nmem
Fort Necessity NB
Friendship Hill NHS
Gettysburg NMP
Lancaster County NHS
Philadelphia Naval Hospital NHS

SOUTH CAROLINA
Cowpens NB
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie NHS

SOUTH DAKOTA
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie NHP

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

TEXAS
Allabates Flint Quaries NHS
Fort Davis NHS
Lyndon B Johnson NHS
Palisades National Park

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Carter G. Woodson Home NHS
Ford's Theatre NHS
Frederick Douglass NHS

WASHINGTON
Fort Vancouver NHS (also OR)

WEST VIRGINIA
Harpers Ferry NHS (also MD, VA)

WYOMING
Fort Laramie NHS

ABBREVIATIONS
NB: National Battlefield
NHP: National Historical Park
NMP: National Military Park

NOTE: This list only includes NPS historic and cultural units. 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, historic resources at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin, and historic cottages at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. 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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