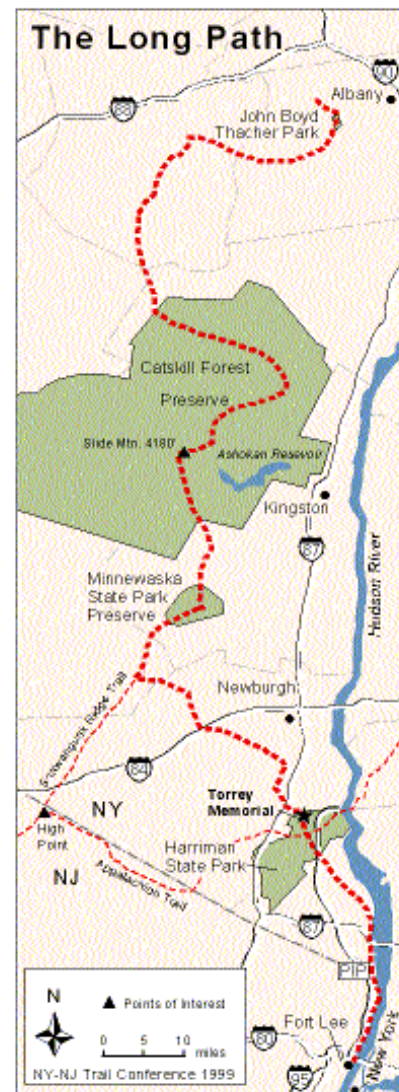




Project The Long Path Trail Corridor Acquisition, New York LWCF Funding Assistance \$185,850

A long-distance trail of statewide significance, the 375-mile Long Path begins at the George Washington Bridge and ends near Altamont. Acquisition of the Ginseng Mountain corridor in Greene County was the first step in the Long Path's extension north from the Catskills into Mohawk River Valley and the Adirondacks. The first segment of the Huntersfield Ridge-Ginseng Mountain Long Path corridor, this 400-acre acquisition offers spectacular ridge-top hiking.



"Expanding opportunities for the public to enjoy New York State's magnificent lands and forests is critical to our long-term environmental strategy. These acquisitions allow outdoor enthusiasts to explore new parts of the Catskills, and deepen their awareness of the importance of conserving our natural resources."

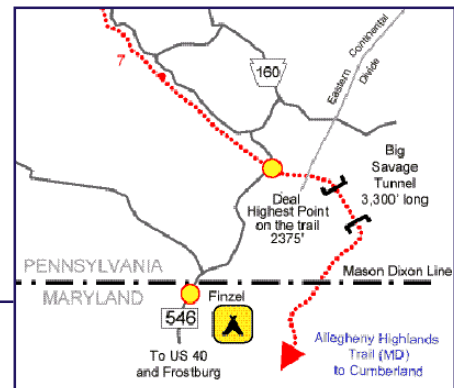
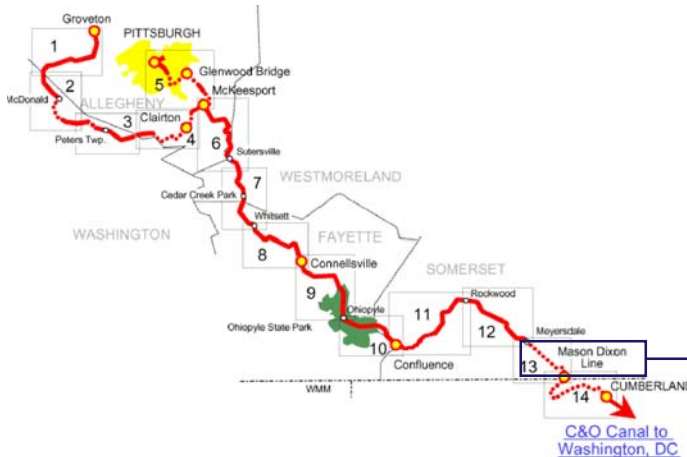
~ Governor George Pataki





Project Great Allegheny Passage (Big Savage Tunnel), Pennsylvania LWCF Funding Assistance \$2,000,000

Crown jewel of the Mid-Atlantic recreation trails, the Great Allegheny Passage will connect Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C via the C&O Towpath creating a combined 400 mile route. Rehabilitation of the Big Savage Tunnel, supported by a \$2 million grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund is essential for forging this connection. Built in 1911, the impressive 3,300-foot Big Savage Tunnel is scheduled to open for cyclists and pedestrians in Spring 2004.



"The biggest project by far on the 202 miles of the Great Allegheny Passage, it was potentially a show stopper in completing the link between Pennsylvania and Maryland. We're very grateful to the National Park Service and the Land and Water Conservation Fund."

~Congressman John Murtha, Pennsylvania





Project

North Bass Island Acquisition, Ohio

LWCF Funding Assistance **\$6,000,000**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources received the largest single-site state LWCF grant in the 40-year history of the program to protect North Bass Island in Ottawa County, the last large, undeveloped island on Lake Erie. The \$6 million LWCF grant will be used to acquire approximately 357 acres. Recreation development on the island will include campgrounds, picnic areas, swimming, boating and fishing facilities, trails, hunting and natural areas.



"This is an unprecedented opportunity for the people of Ohio to protect and preserve the last remaining undeveloped islands of any size in Lake Erie. Thanks to this funding partnership, we are meeting our obligation to preserve Ohio's natural heritage for ourselves and for generations to come."

~ Governor Bob Taft



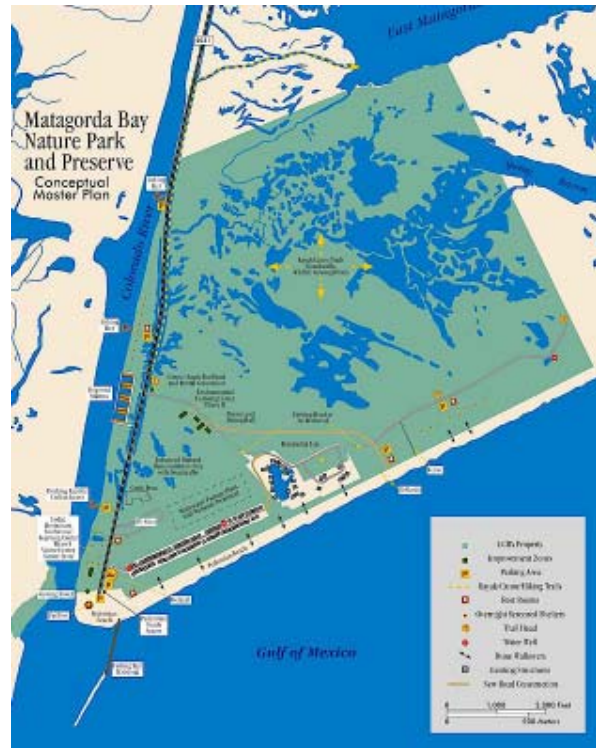


Project

Matagorda Bay Park & Preserve, Texas

LWCF Funding Assistance \$2,000,000

Located on the Matagorda Peninsula at the mouth of the Colorado River, this will be the third major park and preserve along the Colorado River Trail. Development plans include an 1,100-acre conservation area, water and terrestrial trail, wildlife viewing platforms, boardwalk, fishing piers, pavilion, playground, and a beach area.



“Texans will have a tremendous new resource to enhance their use and appreciation of the Gulf Coast and Matagorda Bay. You can learn about the river and its ecology by hiking, canoeing, and soon, by sea kayak.”

*~Joe Beal
General Manager, Lower Colorado River Authority*

