



2011 | ANNUAL
REPORT

FUNDING AND PROTECTING
PARKS WHERE YOU LIVE



“The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.”

THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



“The purposes of this Act are to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to. . .present and future generations. . .such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the Citizens of the United States. . .”

“No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. . .” [SECTION 6(f)(3)]

FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS

I am pleased to share the National Park Service's annual report on the accomplishments of our Land and Water Conservation Fund's State and Local Assistance Program for fiscal year 2011. This year's report highlights some of the many ways in which this program helps connect millions of Americans with the outdoors by providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities that are close to home, open to the public, and accessible to all.



Launch sites for canoes and kayaks, sports fields in city parks, hiking trails through iconic landscapes – these are all examples of ways in which the NPS has partnered with state and local governments to bring our mission home to communities across the country. It's likely that there is an LWCF-funded recreation site near where you live or work that has been protected for you, your family, and future generations to enjoy forever.

This report highlights our best work in 2011. On behalf of all Americans, we pledge to do even more in the years ahead.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director
National Park Service**

FUNDING AND PROTECTING PARKS WHERE YOU LIVE

Although the program may not sound familiar, chances are you have visited a park that has benefitted from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In 1965, the LWCF was created in response to a bi-partisan Congressional mandate to meet the nation's growing need for access to close-to-home outdoor recreation. The money for the fund comes not from taxes, but primarily from oil and gas lease revenues derived from federal lands. This helps balance the environmental impacts associated with resource extraction by ensuring that new park lands are set aside for endless enjoyment.

The LWCF currently funds several grant programs, including the State and Local Assistance Program, the subject of this report. This program provides grants to local, state, and tribal governments for planning, acquisition, development, and stewardship of outdoor recreation lands throughout the country. Grant sponsors must match the federal award by contributing at least 50% of a project's funding using local resources and private donations.

This funding is used to renovate existing sites, develop new facilities, acquire land for public parks, and promote statewide recreation planning. Program projects range from active recreation facilities to natural areas for people to explore – all of which can be visited and enjoyed by everyone. To ensure these public outdoor recreation places and opportunities are available for present and future generations, grant sponsors commit to keeping funded lands set aside for outdoor recreation in perpetuity.

In partnership with states and territories, the National Park Service (NPS) administers the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program to ensure that funds are used according to the purposes of the Act and to safeguard the legacy of protected places. This helps us meet our mission to extend the benefits of outdoor recreation beyond the boundaries of the national parks and into the neighborhoods where people live and work every day.

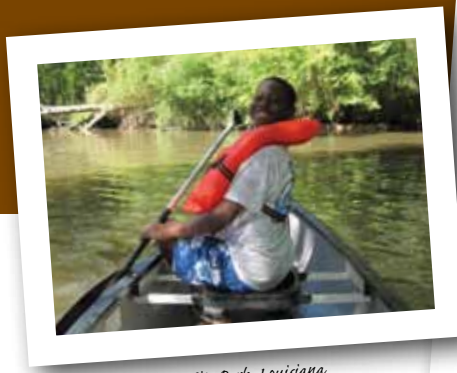


Photo: New Orleans City Park, Louisiana
Credit: Dan Forman



Photo: Devil's Den State Park, Arkansas
Credit: Kathi Ramsay

NATIONAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

PERFORMANCE GOAL	MEASURE	2011 ACHIEVEMENT
Strengthen the health and vitality of the American people by meeting state and locally identified outdoor recreation resource needs.		
1 Increase the quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New parks created New acres acquired for public recreation Parks that were developed with new facilities 	<p>25</p> <p>8,632</p> <p>108</p>
2 Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks that were enhanced with new or rehabilitated facilities 	162
3 Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities benefitting from grants 	197
Increase the number of protected state and local recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.		
4 Expand the resources protected by the LWCF Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres newly protected by the LWCF Act Parks newly protected by the LWCF Act 	<p>33,432</p> <p>102</p>
5 Ensure that resources protected by the LWCF Act are retained and used for public outdoor recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWCF parks inspected Conversions resolved 	<p>3,751</p> <p>53</p>
Encourage sound outdoor recreation planning and long-term partnerships.		
6 Stimulate planning initiatives to help states identify outdoor recreation needs and establish implementation strategies to meet those needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently approved Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) SCORPs updated Planning grants awarded 	<p>54</p> <p>3</p> <p>7</p>
7 Leverage non-LWCF investments in outdoor recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects that exceeded the 50% match requirement 	25



ACQUISITION

SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE RECREATION AREA GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PRIVATE LANDOWNERS ENTRUST STATE WITH LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

For more than 30 years, private land owners graciously allowed the public to access their land along the Fiery Gizzard Trail. When these citizens decided to pass on stewardship of the property to Tennessee State Parks, a partnership between the State of Tennessee, the Conservation Fund, the Land Trust For Tennessee, the Friends of South Cumberland State Park, and the NPS ensured the 2,900 acres would be available to the public for recreation in perpetuity.



“The incredible views from the Fiery Gizzard Trail will be protected for future generations thanks to this outstanding conservation effort.”

**John Christof, Park Manager
Tennessee State Parks**

ACQUISITION

DEVILS RIVER RANCH VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS

TEXAS PROTECTS ITS MOST PRISTINE RIVER

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acquired by purchase 17,639 acres of Devils River Ranch at the confluence of the Devils River and Amistad Reservoir. This strategic grant helped the state protect a total of 37,000 acres including 24 river miles. Public recreation opportunities will span an unprecedented range from remote wilderness to “family-friendly” river access for fishing, hunting, and paddling.

“The Devils River is an extraordinary place, replete with great ecological richness, untarnished water quality, unique biological and cultural features, and a nearly singular beauty that is shaped in large part from its inherent wildness. To say it is without equal in the state would not be an inaccurate characterization. This project could not have been realized without assistance through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.”

Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director



Credit: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Credit: Bremerton Parks & Recreation

DEVELOPMENT

LIONS PARK CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

LIONS PARK THINKS GREEN FOR MAJOR RENOVATION

The 1970s-era design at this park paved much of the 1,900 feet bordering Puget Sound and blocked stunning views with non-native trees. In rethinking the park, the City of Bremerton removed more than 2.5 acres of asphalt, restored the shoreline, and redeveloped park infrastructure with sustainable elements including porous paving, green roofs, rain gardens, and a nature-themed playground. The federal investment, less than 30% of the project, was matched with grants from the Lion’s Foundation and from the state.

“The Lions Park redevelopment has positive environmental and recreation impacts for our city. During construction, the project had a private sector payroll of 80 people. In these difficult economic times, we can’t overlook the value of jobs created by Land and Water Conservation Fund projects.”

**Honorable Patty Lent
Mayor of Bremerton**



Credit: WA Recreation and Conservation Office



Credit: NPS

CONVERSION

CITY VIEW PARK & MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

A WIN-WIN: PROTECTING A CITY AND ITS RECREATION ESTATE

Two 1960s-era LWCF grants helped the City of North Las Vegas create a park and golf course in an area blighted by indiscriminate refuse dumping and established permanent protection over what became City View Park & Municipal Golf Course. Forty years later, the city around the park had changed and a new fire station was needed to keep residents safe. This required converting a small portion of the park's picnic area and open space for fire station use.

The LWCF Act gives municipalities the flexibility to respond to changing needs while requiring that the federal investment be protected in perpetuity. By trading property with the Fire Department, the Parks Department was able to acquire land for a new park in a section of town where housing density is expected to increase. Plans for the new park include picnic tables, a playground, open space, and shade from the Nevada sun.

“The cooperation between the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada State Parks and the National Park Service made the process smooth and relatively painless! Pre-planning for the conversion at City View Park and Municipal Golf Course resulted in a net gain of recreational lands and an additional park in a low-income neighborhood.”

**Jenny Scanland, Parks and Recreation Program Manager
Nevada Division of State Parks**





DEVELOPMENT

KREAGER PARK

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

A BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND MEANS FUN FOR ALL

With assistance from NPS, the City of Fort Wayne created a special playground that allows children of all abilities to enjoy activities that can help them explore and let their imaginations take flight. Beyond planning for wheelchair access, the city included features that considered physical, visual, and mental accessibility. Support features – including a new restroom, parking improvements, and butterfly gardens – continue the inclusive theme.

“I’m a disabled parent and I couldn’t come when they were little and play with them anywhere on a playground. . .so not only are kids going to be able to come here and play that have disabilities, but parents with disabilities are going to be able to come here and feel like normal parents and be able to just enjoy their kids. I didn’t leave here ‘til I’d been on every part of the playground. . .I wanted to do it all.”

Sherry Woodman, parent



DEVELOPMENT

LEGEND ROCK STATE HISTORICAL SITE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

PROJECT DESIGN EVOLVES WITH THE PUBLIC'S HELP

Legend Rock features nearly 300 individual petroglyphs including some of the oldest and best examples of Dinwoody rock art in the world. This distinction earned it a place on the National Register of Historic Places, but access to the site was a challenge and the lack of a formal trail network was causing degradation. With funding from LWCF, the state rallied private citizens, tribes, and other government agencies to help improve the original project design so that the resources would remain protected but open for all to enjoy.



“This site is something that the citizens of the State of Wyoming can be very proud of. Local, state, federal, and private citizens have sacrificed time and energies to make this site what it is today.

I would like to thank the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for providing funding, which initialized a vision for this sacred and grand resource.”

Domenic Bravo, Administrator
Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources



DEVELOPMENT

RIVERFRONT PARK

PULASKI COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMMUNITY RALLIES SUPPORT TO IMPROVE BLUEWAY ACCESS

Leveraging contributions from more than a dozen sources, Pulaski County used an LWCF grant of less than \$50,000 as a stimulus for matching investments to develop a trailhead park along the Hawkinsville-Pulaski River Blueway. Technical planning support was provided earlier in the project by the NPS Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. New park benches, fencing, restroom, interpretive signs, picnic shelters, and trails helped create a space that will not only provide recreational opportunities, but as a wayside for regional water trail enthusiasts, will also boost the local economy.

“We truly have a community park that literally hundreds of local volunteers helped with at some point to get us where we are now.”

Chuck Southerland
Pulaski County Rivers Alive Board Chairman



Credit: Hawkinsville Better Hometown



CREATING NEW PARKS

LWCF-assisted parks touch the lives of people living in more than 98% of U.S. counties. This year, LWCF supported the creation of 25 brand new parks where none previously existed. Some of these projects are highlighted below.

CITY OF LIVE OAK, CALIFORNIA

Live Oak Recreational Trail

The city will construct 1,200 feet of pedestrian and bicycle class I trail with landscaping along the east side of O Street just north of Pennington Road.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Lewis Landing Park

The city will develop 1.25 acres to provide public access to Tarpon River, the largest river in the City. They plan to build a gazebo with picnic facilities, a dock, and walking trails.

DES MOINES COUNTY, IOWA

Leopold Recreation Area

The county will acquire 235 acres on the northern outskirts of Burlington to provide public outdoor recreation and education opportunities as well as to conserve the property's valuable natural resources.

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

Oxford Road Park

The city will develop 25 acres to service an area where no park currently exists. They plan to build picnic areas, a playground, parking, and walkways that connect with the county's existing trail system.

WASHINGTON PARISH, LOUISIANA

Washington Parish Recreational Complex

The recreation district will acquire nearly 100 acres to provide a new park where there are currently no outdoor recreation facilities for seniors and no youth sports facilities outside of schools. They plan to develop the site with ball fields, trails, playgrounds, and picnic shelters.

GUERNSEY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT, OHIO

Derwent Buffalo Fork Park

The district will acquire 15 acres, matched with an 18-acre donation from the Guernsey County Community Development Corporation, to create a 33-acre park. They plan to develop the land with athletic fields and trails.

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

Wineberry Estates Open Space

The town will acquire 32 acres along Pigeon Creek to serve as a critical link in a proposed regional greenway system. They plan to develop the new park with trails and parking.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Blood Run State Park

The state will purchase 106 acres, all located within the Blood Run National Historic Landmark, for the creation of a new state park. It's believed the land once functioned as an important ceremonial site and trade center. Today the property's wooded river bluffs rise more than 160 feet above the Big Sioux River floodplain.

FAIRVIEW CITY, UTAH

Fairview City Sports Park

The city will develop 6 acres of new park land with tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground, and park support facilities.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DURING

2011

198	Parks that received grants
33,432	Newly protected park acres
\$33,332,370	LWCF grant dollars awarded
\$43,900,297	Match dollars raised

SINCE

1965

10,794	Public agencies awarded grants
43,671	Number of grants awarded
77%	Grants involving construction
76%	Grants awarded to local agencies





Photo: Crawford State Park, Kansas
Credit: Leslie Black



Photo: Platte River State Park, Nebraska
Credit: Leslie Hogberg

"THE *visionary* LWCF PROGRAM HAS HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE CREATION OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHERE AMERICANS LIVE AND PLAY. MOST PEOPLE HAVE PROBABLY VISITED LOCAL OR STATE LWCF-FUNDED PARKS WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT. THE *value* OF THESE PARKS GOES FAR BEYOND THEIR BORDERS. IN THEIR ROLE OF ENCOURAGING AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE, AS BUILDERS OF MIND, MUSCLE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AS A CONNECTOR TO NATURE, CULTURE AND HISTORY, PARKS OPEN US ALL TO A WORLD FULL OF *miracles*."

Rose Harvey
New York State Parks Commissioner

Photo: Chugach State Park, Alaska
Credit: NPS

THE NATIONAL NEED FOR LWCF FUNDING

\$18.5 BILLION IN 2011

To measure the national need for public outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition at the state and local level, the NPS annually requests that each state partner estimate the total cost of all desired outdoor recreation facility development and parklands acquisition projects that cannot be met with available levels of funding.

With this chart, we seek to demonstrate a consistent picture of this national demand: 94% of the states reported that available funding met less than 10% of their need, a total of \$18.5 billion in 2011. Estimating the unmet need remains a work in progress. NPS continues to encourage states to look beyond the simple sum of unfunded outdoor recreation project grant requests in a given year in estimating the growing need for parks and outdoor recreation facilities.

Photos depict some of the damage wrought by the EF-5 tornado that devastated the Town of Phil Campbell, Alabama. LWCF grants in 1972 and 1979 helped acquire and develop the land for this community park. Agencies in Alabama are struggling to reconstruct damaged parks at current funding levels.

2011 DEMAND FOR LWCF GRANT FUNDS

State	2011 LWCF Allocated*	2011 Unmet Need
Alabama	\$585,504	\$68,900,000
Alaska	\$338,982	\$3,106,509
Arizona	\$744,061	\$377,000,000
Arkansas	\$466,696	\$22,009,531
California	\$3,195,417	\$3,600,000,000
Colorado	\$651,599	\$594,000,000
Connecticut	\$567,831	\$84,000,000
Delaware	\$356,311	\$15,540,000
Florida	\$1,666,223	\$31,340,963
Georgia	\$927,888	\$123,000,000
Hawaii	\$396,413	\$28,011,192
Idaho	\$391,673	\$5,500,000
Illinois	\$1,287,580	\$647,314,000
Indiana	\$736,608	\$443,000,000
Iowa	\$490,133	\$3,000,000
Kansas	\$489,724	\$2,678,123,700
Kentucky	\$559,338	\$27,848,164
Louisiana	\$614,847	\$207,000,000
Maine	\$366,126	\$38,000,000
Maryland	\$723,598	\$121,451,331
Massachusetts	\$812,191	\$12,067,151
Michigan	\$1,011,047	\$272,000,000
Minnesota	\$654,447	\$375,100,000
Mississippi	\$467,714	\$85,000,000
Missouri	\$698,272	\$1,788,076,638
Montana	\$352,746	\$347,639,103
Nebraska	\$417,314	\$110,000,000
Nevada	\$479,748	\$18,800,000
New Hampshire	\$376,442	\$103,278,363
New Jersey	\$997,324	\$323,337,437
New Mexico	\$433,976	\$125,000,000
New York	\$1,801,087	\$95,377,036
North Carolina	\$872,763	\$1,440,222,335
North Dakota	\$335,072	\$2,100,000
Ohio	\$1,137,041	\$1,000,000,000
Oklahoma	\$538,285	\$6,449,501
Oregon	\$562,661	\$21,000,000
Pennsylvania	\$1,212,230	\$24,500,000
Rhode Island	\$377,785	\$3,587,548
South Carolina	\$578,080	\$220,000,000
South Dakota	\$341,739	\$25,750,000
Tennessee	\$698,189	\$1,639,394,500
Texas	\$2,037,399	\$114,973,981
Utah	\$488,956	\$356,000,000
Vermont	\$327,198	\$65,000,000
Virginia	\$833,413	\$532,771,735
Washington	\$771,042	\$218,300,000
West Virginia	\$400,602	\$55,910,000
Wisconsin	\$676,683	\$53,171,000
Wyoming	\$329,322	\$150,000
American Samoa	\$50,046	NR
District of Columbia	\$86,955	\$11,600,000
Guam	\$50,109	\$1,250,000
Northern Marianas	\$50,049	\$575,000
Puerto Rico	\$541,028	\$20,250,000
Virgin Islands	\$50,087	\$60,000,000
TOTAL	\$37,405,594	\$18,646,776,718

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE UNMET NEED IN 2011

A common theme in expressing outdoor recreation need in recent years has been the issue of existing recreational infrastructure that is aging, worn, obsolete, or not universally accessible and thus requires repair, replacement, or other upgrades. However, some states have to confront a different problem in maintaining their outdoor recreation facilities: those damaged or destroyed by natural disasters such as hurricanes and flooding. Many communities across the U.S. have been affected, particularly in 2011.

Louisiana struggles to recover from the combined impacts of multiple hurricanes including Katrina, Rita, and Gustav. Mississippi estimates that the recreation funding needed for its coastal counties alone exceeds \$25 million because of hurricane damage, in addition to the need to repair new damage that inland counties face from flooding and tornadoes this year. Unmet need estimates in these two states have jumped 15% and 21% respectively as compared with 2010, primarily due to these natural disasters. Similarly, about half of Alabama's current estimate stems from the need to repair or replace outdoor recreation facilities that were destroyed by a series of tornadoes that hit the state in April of 2011.



**Reflects a combination of appropriated funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$37.2 million) and supplemental apportionment from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (\$882,618).*

NR = not reporting

“Congratulations to the authors of Pennsylvania’s outdoor recreation plan, which closely aligns with the federal America’s Great Outdoors Initiative and its focus on conservation, recreation, and connecting people to the great outdoors.”

**Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior for America’s Great Outdoors
Will Shafroth**

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

THE STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (SCORP)

Section 6(d) of the LWCF Act states “a comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan shall be required prior to the consideration by the Secretary of financial assistance for acquisition or development projects.” This sets up a process where states and territories carefully consider recreation needs and trends, then set corresponding goals and priorities. They select LWCF projects for NPS consideration using criteria based on their SCORP priorities.

States and territories must produce a SCORP at least once every five years in order to maintain eligibility for LWCF State and Local Assistance funds. The LWCF Act also allows states to apply to NPS for planning grants to support the development of their SCORP. NPS reviews each state’s SCORP to ensure it meets program requirements.



Photo: Chapman State Park, Pennsylvania
Credit: Brenda Adams-Weyant



Credit: NPS

PENNSYLVANIA'S GREAT OUTDOORS: THE KEYSTONE FOR HEALTHY LIVING

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was the 2011 recipient of the SCORP Excellence Award presented jointly by the NPS and the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP). Pennsylvania's SCORP, "The Keystone for Healthy Living," serves as a national model of how to embrace the spirit and intent of the LWCF Act by vigorously planning for the establishment of outdoor recreation places and opportunities to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

Pennsylvania's five-year plan was released in November 2009 to help policymakers and communities deal with a changing population that is increasingly more urban, and whose children have been spending less time outdoors. Four surveys supporting the plan show that families are spending less time outdoors and children are more obese than ever before. Residents are calling for access to nearby recreation, walkable and bikeable communities, protected lands and waters, and well-maintained park facilities.

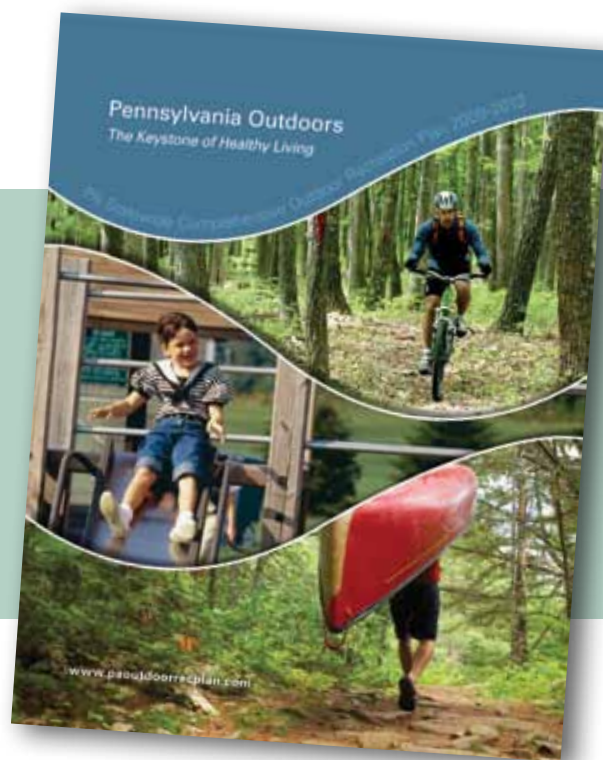
Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation planning officials of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) display their SCORP Excellence Award at the annual NARRP Conference, May 2011 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Pictured from left to right: Matt Beaver, PA DCNR; Heather Bennett, formerly PA DCNR/currently NPS; Vanyla Tierney, PA DCNR; Joel Lynch, NPS; and Jeff Jones, PA DCNR.

The plan identifies walking for pleasure or fitness as the most popular outdoor recreation activity in Pennsylvania. Other popular activities include sightseeing and driving for pleasure, nature watching, swimming, picnicking, and bicycling. The plan outlines 28 program-oriented and five funding recommendations. Annual updates and progress reports are posted online.

www.paoutdoorrecplan.com

"We are very proud to receive this award recognizing our work. Our plan is both unique and useful for DCNR and its partners as we work to encourage citizens to be active outside, develop a love and appreciation for nature, improve physical and mental health, and instill a conservation ethic."

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Richard J. Allan



“The LWCF Program has helped communities create and ensure a legacy of park and recreation areas for present and future generations. Grant funds have helped stretch local funds for both new parks and major renovation of existing parks, keeping them current to changing needs. The LWCF Program instills permanence to its projects, making them an investment in meeting future needs as well as those of today.”

Mary Ordal, Project Manager
Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, Oregon

2011 GRANT SITES

The parks in this section were awarded grants during 2011. They are listed by county with congressional district in parentheses, if applicable. National Park Service LWCF grants are awarded to state agencies who run competitions based on the priorities identified in their SCORP. Local municipalities and tribes interested in funding should contact these state partners, who can be found at www.nps.gov/lwcf under “contact list.” Grant sites are organized by NPS LWCF administrative region.

Photo: Mt. Diablo State Park, California

Credit: © William Elder, 2011 Honorable Mention National Natural Landmark Program photo contest

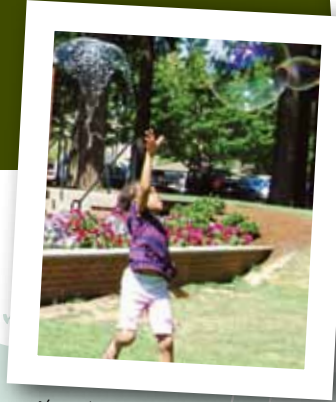


Photo: Shute Park, Hillsboro, Oregon
Credit: City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation



Photo: Boise Greenbelt, Boise, Idaho
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PACIFIC WEST

ALASKA

Fairbanks North Star
Tanana Lakes Recreation Area

Kenai Peninsula
Johnson Lake State Recreation Area
Seldovia Wilderness Park

Matanuska Susitna
Finger Lake State Recreation Area

Prince Of Wales Hyder
Skater's Lake Park

CALIFORNIA

Imperial
Salton Sea State Recreation Area (51)

Kern
Fruitvale Norris Park (22)

Los Angeles
Abalone Cove Shoreline Park (36)

Marin
Samuel P. Taylor State Park (6)

San Francisco
McLaren Park (8)

San Joaquin
Caswell Memorial State Park (11)

San Luis Obispo
Montana De Oro State Park (22)

Sutter
Live Oak Recreational Trail (2)

GUAM

Guam
Guam Sports Complex

American Samoa

Guam

Northern Marianas

HAWAII

Honolulu
Ala Wai Community Park (1)

IDAHO

Kootenai
Farragut State Park (1)

Minidoka
Paul Community Park (2)

NEVADA

Clark
Valley Of Fire State Park (3)

Elko
Wildhorse State Recreation Area (2)

Nye
Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park (2)

Washoe
Washoe Lake State Park (2)

White Pine
Cave Lake State Park (2)

OREGON

Klamath
Ewauna Trail (2)

Linn
North Shore Trail (4)

Marion
Mill Creek Park (5)
Porter Boone Park (5)
Wyffels Park (5)

Umatilla
Orchard Park (2)

Washington
Shute Park (1)

WASHINGTON

Lewis
Klickitat Prairie Park (3)

Pierce
George B. Kandle Playfield (6)



Photo: Cliffside Park, Hanalei, Hawaii
Credit: County of Kauai

For more information about projects in the Pacific West Region, call Michael Linde at 206.220.4113.

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States not listed have most likely decided to consolidate multiple years' worth of funding into one grant round. They have up to three years to commit grant funds to new projects.



Photo: Wapsipinicon State Park, Iowa
Credit: Ben Husmann



Photo: Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park, Montana
Credit: Montana State Parks

MIDWEST

ARKANSAS

Van Buren
Archey Fork Park (2)

Washington
Creekside Park (3)

COLORADO

Arapahoe
Cherry Creek State Park (6)

El Paso
Cottonwood Creek Trail (5)

ILLINOIS

Cook
The Grove (10)

INDIANA

Boone
Zionsville Park (4)

Hancock
Beckenholdt Park (5)

Monroe
Will Detmer Park (9)

White
Altherr Park (4)

IOWA

Des Moines
Leopold Recreation Area (2)

Polk
Jester Park (3)

Story
Dakins Lake County Park (2)

KANSAS

Miami
Hillsdale State Park (2)

MICHIGAN

Bay
Monitor Township Park (1)

Calhoun
Rothchild Park (7)

Clinton
Wiswasser Park (4)

Kalamazoo
Lacrone Park (6)

Mason
Ludington State Park (2)

Ottawa
Holland State Park (2)

Roscommon
Gerrish Community Park (4)

Saginaw
Roberts Park (4)

Wayne
Wheatley Park (15)

MINNESOTA

Wright
Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park (6)

MONTANA

Big Horn
Big Horn Trail

Jefferson
Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park

Park
Ke Webb (G Street) Park

NEBRASKA

Cass
Platte River State Park (1)

Dixon
Ponca State Park (1)

Franklin
Hildreth Pool (3)

Kearney
Fort Kearny State Recreation Area (3)

Sarpy
Russ Thompson Park (2)

NORTH DAKOTA

Logan
Napoleon City Park

Ramsey
Ruger Park

Steele
Finley City Park



Photo: Fort Snelling State Park, Minnesota
Credit: ©MN DNR

“Programs like the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund are critical to helping park districts save valuable habitats and expand recreational opportunities.”

Robert A. Fonte
Director of the Stark County Park District, Ohio

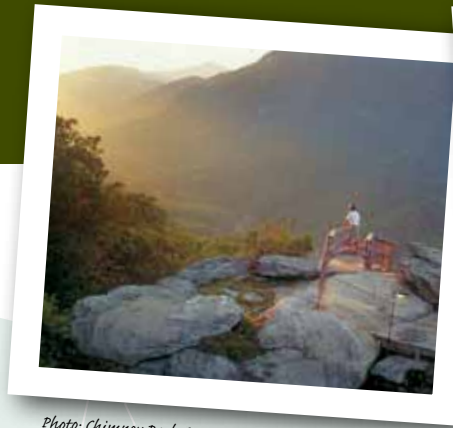


*Photo: MBI East Point Preserve, Ohio
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SOUTHEAST

ALABAMA

Cherokee

Little Rock City Park (3)

FLORIDA

Broward

Lewis Landing Park (20)
Palm Aire Park (19)
Raintree Park (17)

Indian River

Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve (15)

Lake

Inland Groves Park (5)

Lee

Shady Oaks Park (14)

Orange

Tucker Ranch Recreation and Nature Complex (8)

Palm Beach

John Prince Memorial Park (19)

Pinellas

Egan Park (10)
Grandview Park (10)

Putnam

Georgetown Riverfront Park (3)

Seminole

Black Bear Wilderness Area (7)
C.S. Lee Park (24)
Round Lake Park (24)

GEORGIA

Carroll

Moore's Bridge Park (3)

Clayton

Charles Milton Daniel Park (13)

Dawson

War Hill Park (9)

Dekalb

Halpren Park (6)

Jackson

Commerce Community Park (10)

Morgan

Rutledge City Park (10)

Whitfield

Westside Park-Miracle League Park (9)

KENTUCKY

Ballard

Ballard County Park (1)

Boone

Stringtown Park (4)

Boyd

Oliverio Park (4)

Bracken

Germantown Park (4)

Bullitt

Shepherdsville Public Swimming Pool (2)

Edmonson

Bee Spring Park (2)

Grant

Williamstown Lake (4)

Hart

Munfordville Sports Complex (2)

Hopkins

Riverside Park (1)

Lee

Crystal Creek Park (5)

Lyon

Eddyville City Park (1)

Marshall

Mike Miller County Park (1)

McLean

Calhoun Memorial Park (1)

Robertson

Robertson County Lions Club Park (4)

Scott

Oxford Road Park (4)

Todd

Elkton-Todd County Park (1)

Wayne

Monticello/Wayne County Park (5)

“Outdoor recreation is a vital component [of] the physical and emotional wellbeing of the state’s citizens and visitors and the overall health of communities, whether in Florida’s award-winning state parks or local recreation areas.”

Donald Forgiore, Director
Florida Park Service

LOUISIANA

Concordia

William T. Polk City Park (6)

Livingston

Punk Smith Park (2)

Pointe Coupee

Glaser’s Park (2)

Saint Martin

Stephensville Park (3)

St. Mary

Bayou Vista Central Park(3)

Tangipahoa

Zemurray Park (2)

Washington

Washington Parish Recreational Complex (2)

NORTH CAROLINA

Mitchell/Avery

Yellow Mountain State Natural Area (10)

PUERTO RICO

Manati

Hacienda La Esperanza Nature Reserve

Vega Alta

Cerro Gordo Public Beach

TENNESSEE

Grundy/Marion

South Cumberland State Recreation Area (4)

Jackson

Cummins Falls State Natural Area (6)

Shelby

T.O. Fuller State Park (9)

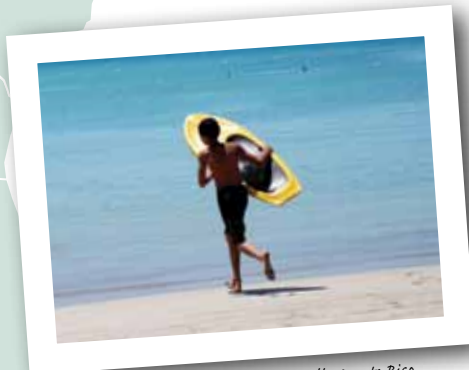
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Saint Croix

Rudy Krieger Recreation Complex



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NORTHEAST

CONNECTICUT

New Haven
Hammonasset Beach State Park (3)

DELAWARE

Sussex
Delaware Seashore State Park (1)

MAINE

Aroostook
Frenchville Recreation Park (2)
Riverside Park (2)

Kennebec

Colburn House Historic Site (1)

Knox

Camden Hills State Park (1)

Sagadahoc

Head Of Tide Park (1)

Somerset

Batchelder Memorial Playground (2)

MARYLAND

Saint Mary's
Newtowne Neck State Park (5)

MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex
Goodwill Park (3)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coos
Jericho Mountain State Park (2)

NEW JERSEY

Ocean
Forest Education Resource Center (4)

NEW YORK

Broome
Chenango Valley State Park (24)

Jefferson

Keewaydin State Park (23)

New York

Riverbank State Park (15)

Saint Lawrence

Higley Flow State Park (23)

Suffolk

Wildwood State Park (1)

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny
Brentwood Community Park (14)

Chester

Brandywine Farms (6)
State Game Lands #43 (6)
Wineberry Estates Open Space (6)

Erie

Girard Borough Park (3)

Montgomery

Memorial Park (5)

RHODE ISLAND

Washington
East Matunuck State Beach (2)

VERMONT

Addison
Button Bay State Park

Bennington

Woodford State Park

Caledonia

Lyndon Skate Park
Newark Street Playground

Franklin

Fairfax Community Park

Grand Isle

Grand Isle School Community Park

Orange

Tunbridge Playground

Rutland

Fair Haven Playground

Windsor

Chester (Pinnacle) Recreation Area
Wilgus State Park

VIRGINIA

Albemarle
Azalea Park (5)

Fairfax

Lily Ruckstuhl Park (8)

Loudoun

Gilbert's Corner Regional Park (10)

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PARKS BENEFIT . . .

PHYSICAL HEALTH: time outdoors is the strongest correlate of children's physical activity

MENTAL HEALTH: access to green views and environments can improve cognitive functioning, impulse control, resilience to stressful life events, and overall mental health

SOCIAL FUNCTION: people connected to nature feel less isolated, are more eager to form connections with their neighbors, and develop a greater sense of community

THE ENVIRONMENT: urban trees in the lower 48 states are estimated to remove 783,000 tons of pollution per year, with an estimated annual value to society of \$5.6 billion

ECONOMICS: urban parks, natural areas, and preserved open spaces positively affect property values

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