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 2022 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:**

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**FY 2022 President’s Budget Request:** TBD

**FY 2022 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 NMS
- Tuskegee Institute NMS
- 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 NHS
- Tule Lake NM

**COLORADO**
- Bent’s Old Fort Nhs
- Mesa Verde NP
- Sand Creek Massacre NHS
- Yucca House NM

**CONNECTICUT**
- Weir Farm NHS

**DELAWARE**
- Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT
- First State NHS (also PA)

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

**GEORGIA**
- Andersonville NHS
- Chickamauga & Chattanoogaa NMP (also TN)
- Fort Frederica NM
- Jimmy Carter NHS
- Kennesaw Mountain NBP
- Little Rock Central High School NHS
- Fort Smith NHS (also OK)
- Arkansas Post Nmem
- Tuzigoot NM
- Tumacácori NHP
- Hubbell Trading Post NHS
- Fort Bowie NHP
- Wilson’s Creek NB
- George Washington Carver NM
- Vicksburg NMP (also LA)
- Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
- Battle of Perryville, Kentucky (also KY)
- Appomattox Court House NHS
- Booker T Washington NM

**IDAHO**
- Nez Perce NHS (also MT, OR, WA)

**ILLINOIS**
- Lincoln Home NHS
- George Rogers Clark NHS
- Lincoln Boyhood Nmem

**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 NB
- Cumberland Gap NHS (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)
- Clara Barton NHS
- Hampton NHS
- Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad NHS
- Monocacy NB
- Piscataway Park
- Thomas Stone NHS

**MASSACHUSETTS**
- Adams NHS
- 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
- Salem Maritime NHS
- Saugus Iron Works NHS
- Springfield Armory NHS

**MICHIGAN**
- Keweenaw NHS
- River Raisin NHS

**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
- 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 NHS
- Chaco Culture NHS
- El Malpais NM
- El Morro NM
- Petroglyph NM
- Salinas Pueblo Missions NM

**NEW YORK**
- Eleanor Roosevelt NHS
- Fort Stanwix NHS
- Grand 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
- Stonewall NHS
- Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS
- Women’s Rights NHS

**NORTH CAROLINA**
- Carl Sandburg Home NHS
- Fort Raleigh NHS
- Guilford Courthouse NMP
- 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 NHS
- William Howard Taft NHS

**OKLAHOMA**
- Washita Battlefield NHS

**OREGON**
- War in the Pacific NHS

**PENNSYLVANIA**
- Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
- Edgar Allan Poe NHS
- Eisenhower NHS
- Flight 93 Nmem
- Fort Necessity NHS
- Friendship Hill NHS
- Gettysburg NHS
- Independence NHS
- Johnstown Flood 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

**TEXAS**
- Allabates Flint Quarries NM
- Fort Davis NHS
- Lyndon B Johnson NHS
- Palo Alto Battleground NHS
- San Antonio Missions NHS
- Waco Mammoth NHP

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**
- Salt River Bay NHS & Ecological Preserve

**UTAH**
- Golden Spike NHS

**VERMONT**
- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHS

**VIRGINIA**
- Appomattox Court House NHS
- Booker T Washington NM
- Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHS
- Colonial NHS
- Fort Monroe NM
- Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania NHS
- George Washington Birthplace NM
- Maggie 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
- Forts Thos NHS
- Frederick Douglass NHS
- Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS

**WEST VIRGINIA**
- Harpers Ferry NHS (also MD, VA)

**ABBR EVATIONS**
- NHP: National Historical Park
- NMP: National Military Park
- NMS: National Monument
- NWT: National Wildlife Refuge
- NPS: National Park Service

**NATIONAL PARKS PROTECTED WITH LWCF**
- Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin
- Badlands National Park in South Dakota
- Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico
- Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee
- Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado
- Oregon Caves National Monument in Oregon
- Olympic National Park in Washington
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan
- Pewaukee Lake National Park in Wisconsin
- Pipestem State Park in West Virginia
- Point Reyes National Seashore in California
- Sequoia National Park in California
- Shenandoah National Park in Virginia
- Valley of the Falls Scenic Park in Oregon
- Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho

**PRESERVATION EFFORTS**
- 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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