

**WHEREAS** the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure accessibility to quality outdoor recreation resources “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States;” and

**WHEREAS**, the LWCF is principally funded by revenue received from off-shore energy extraction, and is authorized to receive \$900 million annually through the annual appropriations process; and

**WHEREAS** the LWCF funds a federal land acquisition program and provides matching grants to states and localities for capital projects through the State Assistance program; and

**WHEREAS**, investments from the LWCF State Assistance program support the creation of public parks in rural and urban communities throughout America, protect green space and local water supplies, guarantee outdoor recreation opportunities, spur economic development, create jobs and significantly aid national efforts to promote health, connect youth to nature and the outdoors, combat childhood obesity and protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS** in the original authorizing legislation, Congress recognized the important role of state and local parks in achieving its intended purpose by requiring the allocation of 60% of LWCF annual funding to the State Assistance program and 40% to the federal program; and

**WHEREAS** the language protecting the State Assistance program was removed in the mid 1970s resulting in a disproportional amount (84%) of LWCF funding going to the federal side of the program over the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS** no language exists to protect the State Assistance funding allocations, and Congress appropriated a total of approximately \$304 million to LWCF in FY 2009 but allocated only \$19 million (6%) to the State Assistance program, and in FY 2010 appropriated a total of approximately \$479 million to LWCF with a mere \$40 million (8%) going to the State Assistance program; and

**WHEREAS** \_\_\_\_\_ (state) received only \_\_\_\_\_ in FY2009 and \_\_\_\_\_ in FY2010; (This information attached to the end of the resolution)

**WHEREAS** the disproportional allocation of LWCF funding between the two programs has severely limited state and local governments in their capacity to develop parks and open spaces and protect green space and local water supplies in light of rapidly increasing populations; and

**WHEREAS**, LWCF provides one-time funding for state and local capital projects and state and local governments equally match the federal dollars, then assume all costs of management and maintenance;

**WHEREAS** the LWCF State Assistance program has invested more than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amt) in \_\_\_\_\_ (insert state) since 1965 and has funded projects such as \_\_\_\_\_ (name of project) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city or county); and

**WHEREAS** the state of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert state) has \$\_\_\_\_\_ ( insert \$ amt- State unmet need data attached at the end of the resolution ) in unmet need for LWCF State Assistance projects, and \_\_\_\_\_ (city/county) currently has \_\_\_\_\_ of projects that would qualify for LWCF State Assistance funding such as \_\_\_\_\_ (name of project); and

**WHEREAS** requiring 40% of LWCF funds to be annually allocated to the State Assistance program would not increase the national debt, but would ensure a more balanced allocation of resources between federal land acquisition and state and local community conservation efforts, as intended by the authorizing legislation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ (local governing body) calls on Congress to implement legislation specifying an annual allocation of at least 40% of LWCF funds to the State Assistance program.

State	Total LWCF SS \$ Received 1965-2010	Total Projects Funded(thru 2010)		2009 State Apportionment (based on \$19 million in Appropriations)	2009 Unmet Need (Reported by NPS)	2010 State Apportionment (based on \$40 million in Appropriations)
Alabama	\$64,043,963	867		\$426,847	\$59,000,000	\$585,552
Alaska	\$33,609,258	274		\$245,415	\$45,000,000	\$336,280
Arizona	\$58,531,701	727		\$518,919	\$162,200,000	\$712,437
Arkansas	\$48,121,617	710		\$338,812	\$12,662,961	\$464,576
California	\$287,883,182	1531		\$2,307,453	\$2,844,000,000	\$3,172,473
Colorado	\$59,060,399	975		\$463,860	\$454,000,000	\$636,689
Connecticut	\$63,407,882	372		\$415,557	\$92,000,000	\$570,287
Delaware	\$35,989,038	190		\$257,520	\$19,890,000	\$352,941
Florida	\$127,424,318	497		\$1,172,213	\$452,890,234	\$1,610,901
Georgia	\$81,840,983	990		\$653,373	\$123,000,000	\$897,097
Hawaii	\$38,308,514	148		\$286,672	\$28,523,328	\$393,051
Idaho	\$38,699,925	426		\$280,252	\$920,782	\$384,163
Illinois	\$155,159,737	838		\$952,056	\$555,437,100	\$1,308,093
Indiana	\$83,729,854	555		\$538,275	\$582,000,000	\$738,863
Iowa	\$54,147,978	1212		\$359,544	\$13,585,000	\$493,115
Kansas	\$50,383,110	634		\$357,455	\$101,000,000	\$490,306
Kentucky	\$58,757,842	1238		\$407,812	\$11,575,000	\$559,401
Louisiana	\$70,413,247	713		\$454,978	\$177,423,033	\$624,377
Maine	\$40,512,028	826		\$267,485	\$9,880,000	\$366,546
Maryland	\$78,414,087	330		\$524,899	\$20,200,000	\$720,628
Massachusetts	\$97,519,236	450		\$598,743	\$7,212,193	\$822,251
Michigan	\$70,412,569	1257		\$758,202	\$72,800,000	\$1,041,263
Minnesota	\$128,032,310	1734		\$476,449	\$100,000,000	\$653,877
Mississippi	\$46,678,810	555		\$343,105	\$60,000,000	\$470,448
Missouri	\$84,125,968	1275		\$509,599	\$1,107,238	\$699,429
Montana	\$37,340,937	773		\$255,970	\$347,639,103	\$350,765
Nebraska	\$44,299,768	939		\$303,943	\$99,625,000	\$416,738
Nevada	\$40,375,689	319		\$334,522	\$39,000,195	\$458,860
New Hampshire	\$36,699,617	639		\$274,108	\$602,946	\$375,700
New Jersey	\$119,179,924	308		\$733,049	\$228,250,142	\$1,007,010
New Mexico	\$40,936,429	1020		\$313,005	\$25,000,000	\$429,214
New York	\$232,447,093	1195		\$1,339,888	\$1,075,000,000	\$1,841,436
North Carolina	\$78,780,372	887		\$613,677	\$1,451,060,000	\$842,343
North Dakota	\$34,865,128	1161		\$244,007	\$3,335,964	\$334,331
Ohio	\$145,564,830	1179		\$846,624	\$19,000,000	\$1,162,883
Oklahoma	\$55,405,882	1054		\$390,976	\$7,862,370	\$536,342
Oregon	\$57,983,273	1341		\$405,643	\$43,235,458	\$556,598

Pennsylvania	\$162,363,928	1435		\$897,138	\$105,000,000	\$1,232,328
Rhode Island	\$39,643,701	335		\$276,547	\$1,472,537	\$379,124
South Carolina	\$58,966,737	1138		\$413,075	\$935,000,000	\$566,676
South Dakota	\$36,250,157	1405		\$248,365	\$18,326,725	\$340,313
Tennessee	\$71,417,165	719		\$502,993	\$1,482,036,123	\$690,281
Texas	\$173,029,128	994		\$1,414,608	\$150,420,214	\$1,944,004
Utah	\$48,180,040	449		\$346,220	\$520,016,480	\$474,937
Vermont	\$33,004,602	661		\$238,593	\$19,300,000	\$326,868
Virginia	\$82,838,972	377		\$597,284	\$105,431,465	\$820,013
Washington	\$70,282,953	576		\$551,547	\$227,400,000	\$757,241
West Virginia	\$44,631,029	438		\$293,984	\$68,259,600	\$402,961
Wisconsin	\$74,743,616	1775		\$495,242	\$50,000,000	\$679,682
Wyoming	\$33,901,016	826		\$238,446	\$151,756	\$326,701