

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

In 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was enacted to help preserve, develop and ensure access to outdoor recreation. **The LWCF program has two components: the Federal Land Acquisition Program (Federal Side), and the LWCF State Assistance Program (State Side).**

The LWCF State Assistance Program provides funding to local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. In FY17, the **LWCF State Assistance Program provided over \$110 million in funding to states and localities. This included \$12 million going directly to urban areas** through competitive Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grants, which are funded under the LWCF State Assistance Program.

NRPA ASKS CONGRESS TO:

- 1. Fully fund and permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is set to expire on September 30, 2018.**
- 2. Ensure robust funding for the LWCF State Assistance Program at 40 percent of overall LWCF allocations, appropriating no less than \$110 million (FY17 level).**

LASTING IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

The LWCF State Assistance Program requires states and local communities to match the federal investment dollar-for-dollar. Since 1965, the LWCF State Assistance Program has:

- **Provided funding to over 40,000 projects, totaling in over \$4 billion** going to states, territories and local communities. Combined with the local match, LWCF State Assistance funds have yielded a total investment of more than \$8 billion.

Wise Use of Federal Funds at NO Expense to the U.S. Taxpayer

- The funding for the LWCF State Assistance Program comes not from taxes, but primarily from oil and gas lease revenues derived from federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore oil and gas leasing revenues.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL LWCF*	LWCF STATE ASSISTANCE	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LWCF	AMOUNT STATE ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE REACHED WITH A 40% ALLOCATION
FY15	\$305,479,000	\$45,000,000*	14.7%	\$122,192,000
FY16	\$305,043,000	\$45,000,000*	14.7%	\$122,417,000
FY17	\$450,000,000	\$110,000,000**	24.4%	\$180,000,000

* In FY15 and FY16 LWCF State Assistance funding totaled \$45m, which included \$42m in formula grants to the states and \$3m in "competitive" Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program (ORLP) grants.

** In FY16 LWCF State Assistance funding totaled \$45m, which included \$94,839,000 in formula grants to the states and \$12m in "competitive" ORLP grants.

WHY CONGRESS SHOULD ACT

Creating Jobs and Stimulating the Economy

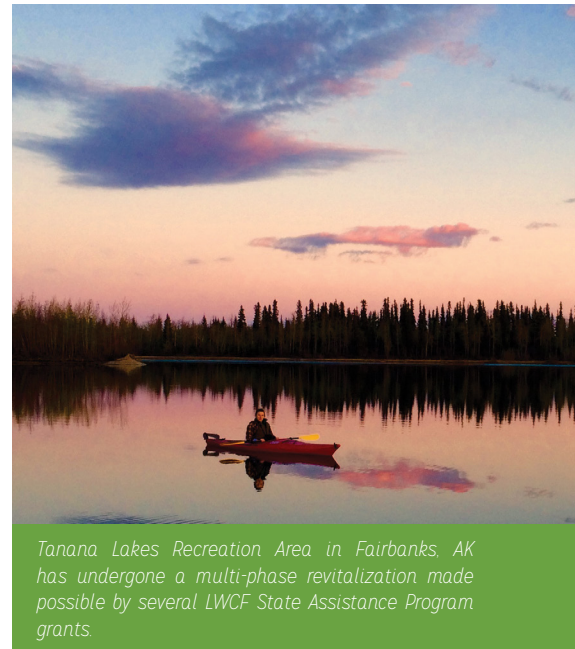
The outdoor recreation industry is one of the nation's most important economic drivers. The LWCF State Assistance Program supports our nation's local and regional parks, which **generates nearly \$154 billion in economic activity and support 1.1 million jobs every year** in the United States.

Every State and Territory Receives Funding

States do not have to compete against other states for funding. Each year, a set percentage of LWCF State Assistance funding is equally distributed to the states and territories. Remaining funds are then allocated based on population.

Available To and Used By Every Community

98% of all counties in America have parks and projects funded by the LWCF State Assistance Program. LWCF State Assistance Program projects must remain in recreational use in perpetuity, ensuring that the federal, state and local investments will benefit future generations.



Tanana Lakes Recreation Area in Fairbanks, AK has undergone a multi-phase revitalization made possible by several LWCF State Assistance Program grants.

STATE	TOTAL—FY17	STATE	TOTAL—FY17	STATE	TOTAL—FY17	STATE	TOTAL—FY17
ALABAMA	\$1,485,537	IDAHO	\$1,004,400	NEBRASKA	\$1,053,285	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$1,498,911
ALASKA	\$856,021	ILLINOIS	\$3,161,744	NEVADA	\$1,266,598	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$864,573
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$75,045	INDIANA	\$1,848,043	NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$946,963	TENNESSEE	\$1,781,823
ARIZONA	\$1,955,704	IOWA	\$1,231,917	NEW JERSEY	\$2,459,834	TEXAS	\$5,380,583
ARKANSAS	\$1,185,377	KANSAS	\$1,232,965	NEW MEXICO	\$1,103,088	UTAH	\$1,267,859
CALIFORNIA	\$8,039,803	KENTUCKY	\$1,413,654	NEW YORK	\$4,384,480	VIRGIN ISLAND	\$75,087
COLORADO	\$1,675,999	LOUISIANA	\$1,518,372	NORTH CAROLINA	\$2,302,357	VERMONT	\$823,321
CONNECTICUT	\$1,412,404	MAINE	\$916,888	NORTH DAKOTA	\$845,281	VIRGINIA	\$2,134,167
DELAWARE	\$904,007	MARYLAND	\$1,821,280	N. MARIANA ISLAND	\$75,044	WASHINGTON	\$1,975,912
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$216,316	MASSACHUSETTS	\$2,001,040	OHIO	\$2,782,023	WEST VIRGINIA	\$1,007,593
FLORIDA	\$4,344,730	MICHIGAN	\$2,452,546	OKLAHOMA	\$1,355,104	WISCONSIN	\$1,697,363
GEORGIA	\$2,423,952	MINNESOTA	\$1,651,236	OREGON	\$1,431,138	WYOMING	\$831,216
GUAM	\$75,130	MISSISSIPPI	\$1,170,758	PENNSYLVANIA	\$2,998,766		
HAWAII	\$1,001,668	MISSOURI	\$1,750,089	PUERTO RICO	\$1,308,821		
		MONTANA	\$890,619	RHODE ISLAND	\$941,005		

VISIT LWCF IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Come see the incredible impact of LWCF first-hand! The NRPA Park Champion initiative connects members of Congress and staff to LWCF State Assistance Program projects at local park and recreation agencies in their states/districts.

To set up a site visit to an LWCF project in your community contact **NRPA's Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Jayni Rasmussen, at jrasmussen@nrpa.org or 703.858.4731.**

For questions or to set up a meeting with NRPA, contact Senior Government Affairs Manager Kyle Simpson at ksimpson@nrpa.org



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