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National Program Goals

Reflecting the purposes of the LWCF Act, the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance program are:

1. Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.

2. Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.

3. Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.
Places of Health and Inspiration

I am especially pleased to share this annual report of the Land and Water Conservation Fund’s State Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2004. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and we have much to celebrate – 40 years and 40,000 projects – an unparalleled national portfolio of state and local parks and recreation areas, safe and accessible places of health and inspiration for all Americans.

Americans have always sought to create and protect special places that inspire and enrich our health and spirit, from early colonial public commons and parks to today’s popular greenways for walking and bicycling. Over the past forty years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the most tangible and successful national demonstration of these fundamental American values: caring for our shared resources and providing re-creative opportunities for physical activity and spiritual renewal.

We are honored to be entrusted with the Fund’s stewardship, a task which resonates deeply with the National Park Service’s core mission. We are responsible for protecting the integrity and recreational value of all state and local parks, lakes, trails, beaches and conservation lands ever assisted by the Fund. Every project supported by the Land and Water Conservation Fund must be maintained for recreation use in perpetuity.

Michael D. Wilson
Chief, Recreation Programs Division
National Park Service
happy 40th birthday land and water conservation fund!

“This is a great gift that all Americans have given themselves. The 40th anniversary is an opportunity for us to reflect the program’s enduring and ubiquitous legacy. Parks and recreation in America depend on LWCF. Without it, many of our nation’s parks would simply not exist. Coast to coast and border to border, the Fund is accomplishing exactly what it was established for in 1964 – $3.6 billion for park and recreation projects in 98% of our nation’s counties.”

– Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service

“The most significant milestones in US park history are the establishment of the National Park Service in 1916, the conservation and construction projects by the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1933 to 1942, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund from 1964 to the present. I am happy to report that the program’s legacy is still being written: from the valleys of Yosemite, to the delta towns of the Mississippi, to America’s largest cities, LWCF continues to preserve land and build parks for future generations.”

– Bryan Kellar, President, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers
A New Framework for Measuring Accomplishments

During 2003, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) evaluated the performance of the LWCF State Assistance Program as part of a government-wide review of all Federal programs over a five-year period. In its assessment of the Program’s purpose, national relevance and delivery, the review was generally positive. However, OMB found room for improvement, particularly in the areas of strategic planning, collecting information on best practices, and measuring performance. The key conclusion reached by OMB was that the Program needed a more appropriate process for measuring performance and reporting national program accomplishments.

In response to the OMB recommendations, National Park Service program managers worked with a team of state partners to develop three national program goals and seven performance goals that define the core purposes and fundamental mission of the LWCF State Assistance Program. Next, the team established thirteen performance measures that summarize key program accomplishments.

Fiscal Year 2004 marked a new chapter in measuring and reporting on the performance and accomplishments of the LWCF State Assistance Program. In 2004, several of the new performance measures were reported on for the first time (see Accomplishments chart on page 5). Implementing the new performance framework is an ongoing effort that will extend into 2005 and beyond.

Land and Water Conservation Fund
2004 Achievements

1. Grant Dollars $97,038,581*
2. Matching Dollars Leveraged $125,638,600
3. Recreation Areas Funded 645
4. New Acres Permanently Protected 40,881
5. Previously Protected Acres with New Recreation Improvements 306,206

*Includes some prior year funds.

Development of the new performance assessment framework was a collaborative partnership between the National Park Service and State representatives. Success in this endeavor would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the workgroup members.

Joel Lynch, NPS-Washington, DC  Workgroup Committee Chair
Susanna Barricklow-Arvin, State of Indiana
William Daehler, State of Ohio
John Davy, Commonwealth of Virginia
Rich Dolesh, National Recreation and Park Association
Patricia Gillespie, NPS-Washington, DC
Rick Just, State of Idaho
Bryan Kellar, State of Arkansas
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Robert Reinhardt, State of New York
Program Accomplishments in 2004

No single perspective tells the whole story of the Land and Water Conservation Fund’s annual performance, but collectively the new performance measures are providing a much clearer picture of the program’s wide-ranging benefits and accomplishments:

Direct Community Impact: In 2004, $97 million dollars in LWCF federal grant monies were obligated to acquire recreation lands and to develop and upgrade outdoor recreation facilities. This much-needed assistance made a direct impact on park and recreation facilities in 645 locations nationally and helped encourage active participation to “strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States (Public Law 88-578).”

New Parks Created: LWCF grants for acquisition or facility development will help to create 87 new park and recreation areas where none existed before. Highlights include: a new park development with picnic areas and fitness trails accessible to several residential neighborhoods in Alpharetta (GA); the very first town park in St. Florian (AL); new playing fields in Syracuse (UT) on 10 acres to accommodate unprecedented youth participation in baseball, basketball, football and soccer; and a new 20-acre Alamo (TX) Sports Complex, in the rapidly developing Lower Rio Grande Valley of south Texas.

In addition, a total of 40,881 acres were acquired for new parks, added to existing parks, or developed for the first time with LWCF assistance, thereby adding to the nation’s recreation estate and ensuring public use and enjoyment for generations to come.

Building and Upgrading Parks: For most communities, meeting citizen needs for recreation and physical activity is a three-fold challenge: acquiring land for recreation, developing new recreation facilities, and enhancing existing facilities. In 2004, 572 local and state park and recreation areas were enhanced with grants to develop or renovate outdoor recreation and support facilities. Almost three quarters of these LWCF-assisted sites (420), benefitted from entirely new recreation facilities, site improvements or enhancements.

Protecting Parks Forever: Finally, beyond direct assistance to develop and enhance facilities, every assisted site is protected against conversion to non-recreation use to ensure the federal and state/local investment remain available, not just for today’s citizens but for all future generations of Americans. NPS, and its State partners, work closely together to monitor LWCF-assisted parks and recreation areas to ensure that this goal is met.
**Land and Water Conservation Fund: Accomplishments in 2004**

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<td>1. Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.</td>
<td>1. Increase quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</td>
<td>• Number of new parks created for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment.</td>
<td>87 parks</td>
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<td>• Number of new acres of land and water made available for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment.</td>
<td>14,610 acres</td>
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<td>• Number of parks where new outdoor recreation facilities were developed.</td>
<td>420 parks</td>
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<td>• Number and types of new outdoor recreation facilities.</td>
<td>Slated for 2005</td>
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<td>• Number of parks enhanced through new development or rehabilitation of outdoor recreation and support facilities.</td>
<td>572 parks</td>
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<td>• Number of local jurisdictions where LWCF grant projects are located.</td>
<td>Slated for 2005</td>
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<td>2. Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.</td>
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<td>3. Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.</td>
<td>3. Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources</td>
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<td>4. Increase the number of acres of protected outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</td>
<td>• Number of new acres protected.</td>
<td>40,881 acres</td>
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<td>• Number of new sites protected under the LWCF Program.</td>
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<td>• Number of LWCF projects inspected and determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use.</td>
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<td>• Percentage of inspected acres funded by the LWCF determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use.</td>
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<td>5. Ensure that outdoor recreation resources funded through the LWCF Program are retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity.</td>
<td>• Total number approved SCORP plans.</td>
<td>52 States and Territories</td>
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<td>• Number of SCORP plans that were updated in 2004.</td>
<td>9 States and Territories</td>
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<td>• Number of projects that exceed the 50% local match.</td>
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### Land and Water Conservation Fund Unmet Needs in 2004

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<th>04 LWCF Apportionment</th>
<th>$ Unmet Need*</th>
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<td>$1,441,243</td>
<td>$1,556,850</td>
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<td>$826,406</td>
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<td>$1,755,514</td>
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<td>$1,142,768</td>
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<td>$7,832,545</td>
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<td>82%</td>
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<td>$867,602</td>
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<td>78%</td>
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<td>$3,974,624</td>
<td>$3,096,280</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>$2,210,749</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
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<td>$966,727</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
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<td>$3,226,623</td>
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<td>$900,866</td>
<td>36,002</td>
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<td>$1,775,674</td>
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<td>$1,025,012</td>
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<td>71%</td>
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<td>$923,630</td>
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<td>$2,483,360</td>
<td>$338,571,452</td>
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<td>$1,055,871</td>
<td>$175,000</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>New York</td>
<td>$4,543,804</td>
<td>$110,000,000</td>
<td>96%</td>
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<td>$2,074,971</td>
<td>$1,731,413</td>
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<td>64%</td>
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<td>$2,955,137</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>$1,370,429</td>
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<td>$836,284</td>
<td>$1,418,376</td>
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<td>$4,796,468</td>
<td>$8,304,449</td>
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<td>$1,168,943</td>
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<td>76%</td>
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<td>Vermont</td>
<td>$803,060</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>$802,764</td>
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<td>District of Columbia</td>
<td>$209,835</td>
<td>$850,000</td>
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<td>$1,371,270</td>
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<td>Virgin Islands</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$5,200,000</td>
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| Total                  | $91,360,000            | $836,229,911  | 90%          |

*Unmet needs shown are as reported by each applicable State.
NR = Not reporting.

**Charting the National Need for Parks and Recreation in 2004**

In an effort to measure the current need for outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition at the state and local level, the National Park Service asked each state in November, 2004 to estimate their total unmet need for Land and Water Conservation Funds for the past fiscal year. If a state typically combines Land and Water Conservation Funds with similar state grant programs, an estimate of the total unmet need for all programs was used. With all states responding, this chart demonstrates a consistent picture of strong demand for recreation facility development and open space acquisition funding: 76% of the states reported an unmet funding need exceeding 50%.

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**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**
Stretching the LWCF Dollar

Although every LWCF grant must be matched at least 50:50, many are approved at less than 50 percent federal share and result in significant leveraging of federal dollars, especially in larger projects. In Fiscal Year 2004, 44 projects reported a total “over-match” of $28.7 million dollars. However, it is likely that the true national figure is significantly larger than $28.7 million, because many grant requests which are part of larger projects show only the match dollars needed for the grant. We are developing new reporting measures to capture LWCF leveraging in larger projects more accurately.

Current examples of federal leveraging in 2004 include:

**Central County Bikeway, California:** A $788,000 state transportation project linking an existing bikepath and residential neighborhood with an award-winning downtown waterfront area in Suisun City is being assisted by a $85,250 LWCF grant.

**Libby Farm, Massachusetts:** A $500,000 LWCF grant was matched by more than $1 million from the William P. Wharton Trust, Fields Pond Foundation, and the Town of Stoughton to acquire the 81 acre Libby Farm, a high priority acquisition because of its location within 630 acres of existing conservation land.

**Oglebay Park, West Virginia:** A $275,000 LWCF grant leveraged nearly $1 million in private donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations to repair and upgrade skiing facilities.

**Regional Soccer Complex, Rhode Island:** A $400,000 LWCF grant to Pawtucket, RI is integral to a larger project that will result in two regulation-size and two youth soccer fields, along with restrooms, a walking trail and other site improvements. The grant will be matched 4 to 1, through $1 million from the City and $600,000 from Rhode Island’s Open Space Fund.

**River Mountain Park Skateboard Park, Nevada:** The City of Henderson has committed $123,000 in residential construction park fees and inkind services to supplement a $51,000 LWCF grant for the installation of a new modular skateboard facility.

**Bear Creek Lake State Park, Virginia:** State bond funds allowed Virginia to quadruple a $500,000 LWCF grant to address critical infrastructure needs in one of its oldest state parks.
SCORP Update: Helping States Meet Recreation Goals

In addition to providing grants for recreation and open space, the Land and Water Conservation Fund also provides assistance to help States plan for meeting their statewide outdoor recreation needs. The result is a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) document which is used to identify, prioritize, and establish criteria for selection of individual projects. The SCORP ensures a tangible connection between individual projects and the state’s overall outdoor recreation goals and is a requirement of the LWCF Act. In Fiscal Year 2004, nine States and Territories updated their plans.

In many states, the SCORP process has evolved over the years from simply meeting Land and Water Conservation Fund eligibility to becoming an important mechanism in addressing the challenges facing statewide outdoor recreation. One such plan updated in 2004 is Colorado’s Outdoor Recreation Future – Strategies for Colorado’s Outdoor Heritage.

Colorado’s reputation as a world-class destination for outdoor recreation continues to fuel unprecedented population growth. Seeing a real opportunity, a multi-interest SCORP Steering Group adopted a creative approach to the public involvement phase of SCORP planning to focus broad attention on the value of outdoor recreation in Colorado’s economy and quality of life. In addition to identifying strategies for addressing growing recreation demands, the group launched a series of Collaborative Regional Forums. The forums are aimed at engaging community leaders, tourism business operators, non-profit organizations, and public land managers in collaborative strategies to deliver quality outdoor experiences. The forums have been extremely successful in identifying projects that best meet the twin goals of delivering quality outdoor experiences and protecting the precious resources that sustain them.

- Tom Easley, Colorado 2004 SCORP Coordinator
Many children were undoubtedly first introduced to the game of baseball at parks developed through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Thanks to the support of the Fund, generations of future players will continue to have a place to play at more than 5,000 ballfields at parks nationwide, such as Roberto Clemente State Park in New York City.

– Thomas C. Brasuell, Vice President, Community Affairs, Major League Baseball
“The Land and Water Conservation Fund has long supported public health through the development of active recreation facilities and resource conservation. Local LWCF-aided investments – parks, trails for walking and cycling, recreation fields – are the backbone of livable communities. These projects also help create jobs through appropriate development for public access and use, and recreation and park management.”

- John Thorner, Executive Director, National Recreation and Park Association

“Places of health and inspiration

“The health benefits of physical activity are extensive, yet most Americans are sedentary or insufficiently active. So the question becomes: what are effective ways to help people become more physically active? Based upon a systematic review of published research studies, the Task Force on Community Preventive Services strongly recommends creation of and/or enhanced access to places for physical activity. The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides resources toward implementing this important, evidence-based recommendation.”

- John J. Librett, Health Scientist, National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion
**Programwide Stewardship Initiatives**

In 2004, several projects were completed to strengthen LWCF site stewardship and refine measurement of the program’s overall impact and performance.

**Protecting Places that Matter,** a new booklet on site stewardship, was published to help grant recipients understand their responsibilities in protecting the LWCF investment. The booklet explains the purpose of Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act and the role local communities and state partners play in ensuring that parks are protected in perpetuity from non-recreation uses, unless a conversion and replacement property has been approved by the NPS. The full text is available at www.nps.gov/lwcf.

**The national LWCF database** continues to evolve in response to requests from state partners and other interested parties for detailed information about program activities and results of the federal grants. Database enhancements are also strengthening our reporting on performance measures and other program efficiencies. Recent additions include:

- The new online “LWCF Commitments List” enables states to recognize projects in the pipeline for future LWCF assistance and thereby demonstrate their commitment to obligating available federal grant funds. The new real-time tracking provided by the list significantly improves accuracy in assessing and reporting on state demand for LWCF funding. In 2004, total obligations for LWCF projects exceeded $97 million. It is important to note however, that the LWCF Act gives states three years to obligate funding.

- Digital archiving of descriptive and visual information for over 7,000 of the total 40,000 LWCF projects nationwide, including site maps, is improving site stewardship at the state and federal level. Digitized project data are stored in the national database and accessible by NPS and state partners.

- Individual geo-coding is now standard for every new project. This information will yield a sharper picture of long-term program impact, including trends where LWCF has been invested and populations served over time.
The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a visionary program which was established by Congress to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. In a landmark study more than forty years ago, the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission championed the vital connection between local recreation facilities and public health, the very same connection prevalent in today’s prescriptions for creating healthy communities. Although the Land and Water Conservation Fund’s specific mandate is recreational facility development and open space protection, its broader goal is “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States (Public Law 88-578).” In 2004, the following 645 sites received LWCF assistance.

### Alabama
- Baldwin
  - Silver Hill Heritage Park (1)
  - West 2nd Street Park (1)
- Barbour
  - Old Creek Town Park (2)
- Choctaw
  - Zack Rogers Park (7)
- Crenshaw
  - Helicon Community Park (4)
- Cullman
  - Vivian B. Allen Park (4)
- Elmore
  - Airport Park (2)
  - Deatsville Community Park (2)
- Etowah
  - Sardis City Park (4)
- Geneva
  - Radford Recreational Park (2)
  - Samson Recreational Park (2)
- Lauderdale
  - St. Florian Town Park (5)
- Lee
  - Smith Station Park (3)
- Madison
  - Dublin Park Japanese Garden (5)
- Marshall
  - Albertville Recreation Complex (4)
- Arab City Park (4)
- C.K. Gant Park (4)
- Grant Recreational Complex (4)
- Mobile
  - Tricentennial Park (1)
- Morgan
  - Charles Sparkman Park (5)
  - Delano Park (5)
  - Sparkman Park (4,5)
- Randolph
  - Wadley Sports Complex (3)
- Tuscaloosa
  - Coaling Town Park (7)
- Desert Mountain Park (6)
- Long Homestead Park (3)
- Navajo
  - Freeman Park (1)
- Pima
  - Catalina State Park (8)
- Yavapai
  - Dead Horse Ranch State Park (1)
- Yuma
  - Eligio Rameriz Park (7)

### Arkansas
- Clark
  - Arkadelphia Youth Sports Complex (4)
  - Terre Noire Natural Area (4)
- Craighead
  - Crowley’s Ridge Nature Center (1)
- Garland
  - Cedar Glades Park (4)
  - Entergy Park (4)
- Arkansas
  - Clark
    - Arkadelphia Youth Sports Complex (4)
    - Terre Noire Natural Area (4)
  - Craighead
    - Crowley’s Ridge Nature Center (1)
  - Garland
    - Cedar Glades Park (4)
    - Entergy Park (4)
- San Francisco Bay Trail, California: Tidewater Estuary Park, Oakland and Scottsdale Pond in Novato, both links on the San Francisco Bay Trail. Park improvements include accessible trails, picnic facilities, birdwatching platforms and trailhead parking.
Florida

Brevard
Southeast Community Park (15)

Broward
Deerfield Beachfront Parcel (22)

Citrus
Goldendale Boat Ramp Park (5)

Dade
Enchanted Forest Park (17)
Haulover Park (20)
Walker Park Facilities (21)

“Floridians have a wealth of beautiful and diverse natural resources at their fingertips. LWCF funding provides local communities with more opportunities to enjoy the environmental, educational and recreational value of Florida’s great outdoors.”

- Mike Bullock, Director, Florida Park Service

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San Mateo, California: Shoreline Park, LWCF assisted development of a skate park, tennis and basketball courts.

“LWCF made it possible for us to develop a park in a “park poor” neighborhood. Residents showed up in the hundreds to help us install playground equipment and plant trees. Community service clubs and businesses also assisted with construction. But the best part was watching children at play in the new park. There is no better sound than children laughing.”

– Doug Eastwood, Parks Director, City of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

Landscape images of parks

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Idaho
Blaine
Bellevue Riverfront Park (2)
Bonneville
Ririe Greenbelt and Park (2)
Fremont
Teton City Park (2)
Nez Perce
Hells Gate State Park (1)

Illinois
Kane
Muirhead Springs Acquisition (14)
Lake
Hastings Lake Acquisition (8)
McHenry
Nippersink Canoe Base (8)
Will
Square Links Golf Course (11)

Indiana
Floyd
Budd Road Woodlands Park (9)
Huntington
Evergreen Park (5)
Porter
Hansen Park (2)
J.B. Gifford Park (2)
Old Spur Trail (2)
Shelby
Blue River Park (5)
St Joseph
Scarborough Park (2)

Iowa
Appanoose
Honey Creek State Park (2)
Carroll
Glidden City Park (5)
Cedar
Beranek Park (2)
Clay
Scharnberg Park (5)
The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a valuable tool for developing and revitalizing parks and recreation systems across America. These matching funds also demonstrate how monies from off-shore energy resources can help breathe new life into America's neighborhoods.

– Joseph Wynns, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Tippecanoe County, Indiana: Prophetstown State Park, LWCF funding helped with the acquisition phase of Indiana’s newest state park, dedicated in August, 2004.

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The acquisition of this land will accomplish several goals, including helping the county meet its parkland acreage goals and providing recreational opportunities for Baltimore County families, particularly those in the northern part of the county."

– James T. Smith, County Executive, Baltimore County
Green, Ohio: The 65-acre Boettler Park, located immediately west of the Akron/Canton Regional Airport, now has a new nature trail developed with a LWCF grant.

**Massachusetts**

**Hampshire**
Veterans Field (2)

**Middlesex**
Forte Park (4)
South Street Park (5)

**Norfolk**
Bird Street Conservation Area (4)

**Michigan**

**Charlevoix**
Melrose Township Park (1)

**Clare**
Hayes Township Sports Complex (4)

**Ingham**
Veteran's Memorial Park (8)

**Iosco**
Tawas Point State Park (1)

**Lapeer**
Carrieville State Forest (2)
Lapeer Optimist Soccer Fields (10)

**Livingston**
Brighton Recreation Area (8)

**Oakland**
Ingleneok Park (12)

**Ottawa**
Quincy Park (2)
McCintock Park (8)

**Minnesota**

**Anoka**
Twin Lakes Park (6)

**Cottonwood**
Legion Field (1)

**Hennepin**
Lake Josephine Park (4)

**Jackson**
City Park (1)
Loon Lake Park (1)

**Lake**
Caribou Falls State Wayside (8)
Knife River Harbor (8)

**Lyon**
Sebastian Park (7)

**McLeod**
Luce Line State Trail (7)

**Stearns**
Avon Hills Forest Sna (6)

**Mississippi**

**Attala**
Hugh Eliard Park (2)

**Bolivar**
Bear Pen Park (2)
Eastside Park (2)

**Claiborne**
Claiborne County Park (2)

**Copiah**
Lake Calling Panther (2)

**George**
Lucedale Park (4)

**Hinds**
Utica Park (2)

**Ottawa**
Pontotoc Sportsplex (1)
Tippah
Walnut Municipal Park (1)

**Warren**
Children's Art Park (2)

**Missouri**

**Adair**
Swimming Pool Park (9)

**Benton**
Shawnee Bend Golf Course (4)

**Boone**
Boone County Fairgrounds (9)
Columbia Recreation Area (9)

**Henis**
Lake Josephine Park (4)

**Koons**
Oxford Skate & Little League Park (1)

**Lawrence**
Pascagoula Soccer Complex (4)

**Lafayette**
Oxford Skate & Little League Park (1)

**Lawrence**
Atwood Water Park (3)

**Oktibbeha**
Mckee Park (3)

**Papago**
Safford Multi-Purpose Park (8)

“*There isn’t a community in Montana that hasn’t been touched by the Land and Water Conservation Fund.*”

- Doug Monger, Parks Division Administrator, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Clay**
Happy Rock Park (6)

**Cole**
Russelville Trail (4)
Westview Heights Park (4)

**Dent**
Salem City Park (8)

**Dunklin**
Willoughby Park (8)

“The Land and Water Conservation Fund enabled Arlington to complete an eight mile link to Trinity Trails in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. This addition to our growing linear park system is receiving more attention and providing more community benefit than we could have possibly anticipated.”

- Pete Jamieson, Director, Parks and Recreation, Arlington, Texas

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**Greene**
- Fair Grove Park (7)
- Miller Park (7)

**Grundy**
- Eastside Park (6)

**Howell**
- Willow Springs City Park (8)

**Jackson**
- Arborwalk Neighborhood Park (5)
- C. Lee Kenagy Park (5)
- Lewis & Clark Scenic Overlook (5)
- Monkey Mountain Park (5)

**Jasper**
- Cunningham Park (7)
- Stebbins Park (7)

**Marion**
- Huckleberry Park (9)

**Mississippi**
- K.S. Simpkins Park (8)

**Oregon**
- Tucker Creek Park (8)

**Ozark**
- Bakersfield Community Park (8)

**Platte**
- Platte Ridge Park (6)

**Pulaski**
- St. Robert City Park (4)

**Ray**
- Southview Park (4)

**Saint Louis**
- Edgewood Park (1)
- Greensfelder Memorial Park (2)
- Oakdak Park (3)

**Saline**
- Indian Foothills Park (4)

**Scott**
- Scott City Park (8)

**Washington**
- Caledonia Playground (8)

**Webster**
- Shook-Lundh Park (4)

**Wright**
- Cedar Center Park (8)

**Montana**

- **Beaverhead**
  - Clark’s Lookout State Park

- **Carbon**
  - Roberts School

- **Chouteau**
  - Highwood Community Park

**Deer Lodge**
- Benny Goodman Park

**Flathead**
- Columbus Park
- Horine Park
- Pinewood Park

**Gallatin**
- Gallatin County Regional Park
- Manhattan School
- Rose Park

**Jefferson**
- North Jefferson Sports Complex
- Whitehall Water Park

- **Lewis and Clark**
  - Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds Park

- **Liberty**
  - Chester Outdoor Swimming Pool

- **Madison**
  - Ennis Lions Park

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“The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been an invaluable partner for Dallas over the years. Three of my favorite LWCF projects include Turtle Creek Trail, a popular urban recreation trail; Hulcy Park, a multi-field soccer complex combined with picnic facilities and a playground; and Emerald Lake, a nature trail and park connecting a library to a lake with fishing piers.”

- Lois G. Finkelman, City Council Member, Dallas, Texas
Governor Pataki and the state's congressional delegation have been instrumental in helping safeguard the Land and Water Conservation Fund to strengthen our stewardship of the Empire State's outdoor heritage. LWCF has been invaluable across the nation in providing assistance to enhance recreational facilities and protect our precious natural resources. We are proud to partner with the National Park Service in their efforts to continue this highly-effective and beneficial program for communities and future generations.

– Bernadette Castro, Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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“The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been an extremely valuable funding source for our community, enhancing our ability to provide quality park and recreation facilities which our citizens enjoy on a daily basis.”

- Doug Johnson, Director, Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Aberdeen, South Dakota
Ohio’s land and water resources are the building blocks for a statewide network of parks and outdoor recreation areas that stands among the nation’s finest. Over the past 40 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been our essential partner in protecting, shaping and improving these resources for the benefit of all Ohioans.”

– Sam Speck, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

“Pennsylvania

Allegheny
Diamond Club (4)
Hunter Park (18)

Centre
Municipal Park (5)

Cumberland
Soldiers and Sailors Swimming Pool (17)

Franklin
Montgomery Community Park (9)

Luzerne
Kirby Park (11)

Monroe
Dansbury Park (10)

Westmoreland
Loyalhanna Gorge (12)

Rhode Island

Providence
Pawtucket Soccer Complex (1)

Washington
Arcadia Management Area (2)

South Carolina

Aiken
Greeneway Riverfront Park (3)
Hammond Ferry Soccer Complex (3)

Anderson
Sadlers Creek State Park (3)

Beaufort
Fish Haul Park (2)

Charleston
Etiwan Park (1)
Folly Beach River Park (1)
Sunrise Park (1)

Cherokee
Kings Mountain State Park (5)

Colleton
Great Swamp Sanctuary (6)

Darlington
Byerly Park (5)

Florence
Lynches River County Park (6)
Main Street Park (5,6)

Georgetown
Sampit River Park Boat Landing (1)

Greenville
Beverly Road Park/Herbklotz Park (4)

Greenwood
Greenwood Recreation Complex (3)
Lake Greenwood State Park (3)

Horry
Conway Soccer Complex (1)

Kershaw
Riverview Park (5)

Laurens
Gray Court Community Park (3)

Orangeburg
Saluda Shoals Park (2)

Richland
Saluda Shoals Park (2)

Spartanburg
Va-Da-Mur McMillian Memorial Park (4)

York
Dobys Bridge Road Park (5)

South Dakota

Beadle
Cavour City Park

Brookings
Oakwood Lakes State Park

Brown
Wylie Park

Charles Mix
North Park
Platte Creek Recreation Area

Davison
Ethan Park

Lincoln
Tea Acquisition

McCook
Salem Park

Meade
Bear Butte State Park

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“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 opportunity and the funding partnership we have put in place, we are meeting our obligation to preserve Ohio’s natural heritage for our own time and for generations to come.”

- Governor Bob Taft

**Tennessee**

- **Anderson/Campbell**
  - Norris Dam State Park (3, 4)
  - Frozen Head State Park (4)
- **Benton/Humphreys**
  - Nathan Bedford Forest State Park (8)
- **Bledsoe**
  - Falls Creek State Park (4)
- **Bradley**
  - Red Clay State Park (3)
- **Campbell**
  - Cove Lake State Park (4)
  - Indian Mountain State Park (4)
- **Carter**
  - Roan Mountain State Park (1)
  - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park (1)
- **Chester/Hardeman**
  - Chickasaw State Park (7)
- **Coffee**
  - Old Stone Fort State Park (4)
- **Cumberland**
  - Cumberland Mountain State Park (4)
- **Davidson**
  - Cumberland Trail State Park (5)
  - Long Hunter State Park (6)
  - Radnor Lake State Park (5)
- **DeKalb**
  - Edgar Evins State Park (6)
- **Dickson**
  - Montgomery Bell State Park (8)
- **Franklin**
  - Tims Ford State Park (4)
- **Greene**
  - Davy Crockett Birthplace SP (1)
- **Hamblen**
  - Panther State Park (1)
- **Hamilton**
  - Booker T. Washington State Park (3)
  - Harrison Bay State Park (3)
- **Hardin**
  - Pickwick Landing State Park (7)
- **Henderson**
  - Natchez Trace State Park (7)
- **Henry**
  - Paris Landing State Park (8)
- **Marshall**
  - Henry Horton State Park (6)
- **McNairy**
  - Big Hill Pond State Park (7)
- **Monroe**
  - Fort Loudoun State Historic Park (2)
- **Overton**
  - Standing Stone State Park (6)

**Ottawa County, Ohio:** 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, the last large undeveloped island on Lake Erie. The $6 million LWCF grant will be used to acquire approximately 357 acres.

- **Lake/Obion**
  - Reelfoot Lake State Park (8)
- **Lauderdale**
  - Fort Pillow State Historic Park (8)
- **Lawrence**
  - David Crockett State Park (4)
- **Madison**
  - Pinson Mounds State Park (8)
- **Perry**
  - Mousetail Landing State Rustic Park (7)
- **Putnam**
  - Burgess Falls State Park (4)
- **Shelby**
  - Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park (8)
  - T.O. Fuller State Park (7)
- **Sullivan**
  - Bay’s Mountain Park (1)
  - Warriors Path State Park (1)
- **Union**
  - Big Ridge State Park (3)
- **Warren**
  - Rock Island State Park (4)
- **Wilson**
  - Cedars of Lebanon State Park (6)

**Texas**

- **Collin**
  - Allen Station Park (3)
  - Community Park (4)
- **Harris**
  - San Jacinto Battleground State Park (25)
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**Virginia**

**Amherst**
Ivy Creek Park (6)

**Bedford**
Falling Creek Park (5)

**Botetourt**
Greenfield Recreational Site (6)

**Buckingham**
James River State Park (5)

**Chesapeake**
First Landing State Park (2)

**Cumberland**
Bear Creek Lake State Park (5)

**James City**
York River State Park (9)

**Louisa**
Louisa Community Park (7)

**Rockingham**
Grottoes Town Park (6)

**Spotsylvania**
Lake Anna State Park (7)

**Ottawa County, Ohio:** Recreation development on North Bass Island will include campgrounds, picnic areas, swimming, boating and fishing facilities, trails, hunting and natural areas.

The North Bass Island grant is a solid example of President Bush’s commitment to supporting conservation and recreational opportunities in our nation’s park areas. These awards of LWCF funds to state and locally sponsored projects will improve recreational opportunities for Americans.

- Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior

**West Virginia**

**Barbour**
Dayton Park (1)

**Berkeley**
War Memorial Park (2)

**Cabell**
Ritter Park (3)

**Kanawha**
Handley Community Park (2)

**Mason**
Riverfront Park (2)

**Monongalia**
Chestnut Ridge Regional Park (1)

**Ohio**
Oglebay Park (2)

**Putnam**
Valley Park (2)

**Raleigh**
Gulf Area Park (3)

**Wetzel**
Lewis-Wetzel Park (1)

**Wood**
Parkersburg City Park (1)
This marvelous program allows Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites an incredible opportunity to reach out to virtually every community in Wyoming. What a wonderful way to invest in Wyoming’s great people and places!

– Patrick Green, Director, Wyoming State Park and Historic Sites

**Wyoming**

- **Albany**
  - Undine Park
- **Big Horn**
  - Greybull Pathway
- **Campbell**
  - Pioneer Park
- **Converse**
  - Ayres Natural Bridge Park
- **Crook**
  - Clarenbach Park
  - Keyhole State Park
- **Fremont**
  - Dubois Town Park
- **Johnson**
  - Buffalo Park
- **Laramie**
  - Cheyenne Baseball Facility
- **Lincoln**
  - Kemmerer Golf Course

**Natrona**
- Wilkins State Park
- Buffalo Bill State Park
- Whitewater Whitewater Park

**DC/Territories**

- **District of Columbia**
  - Marvin Gaye Park
- **Guam**
  - Governor Flores Beach Park
- **Northern Marianas**
  - Killi and Minachon Atado Beach Park
- **Puerto Rico**
  - Isla De Cabras
  - Sun Bay Public Beach
- **Virgin Islands**
  - Rudy Krieger Recreation Complex

**Wisconsin**

- **Barron**
  - Moon Lake Park (7)
- **Chippewa**
  - Chippewa Conservation Trail (7)
- **Door**
  - Robert Lasalle County Park (8)
- **Eau Claire**
  - Phoenix Park (3)
- **Grant**
  - Wyalusing State Park (3)
- **Juneau**
  - Buckhorn State Park (3)
  - Mill Bluff State Park (3)
- **Kenosha**
  - Richard Bong State Recreation Area (1)
- **Lafayette**
  - Yellowstone Lake State Park (3)
- **Lincoln**
  - Council Grounds State Park (7)
- **Marathon**
  - Weston Park (7)
- **Polk**
  - Interstate State Park (7)
- **Saint Croix**
  - Willow River State Park (3)
- **Sauk**
  - Mirror Lake State Park (2)
- **Trempealeau**
  - Perrot State Park (3)
- **Walworth**
  - Veterans Regional Park (1)
- **Washburn**
  - Hay Lake Forest Recreation Area (7)
- **Washington**
  - Kettle Moraine State Forest (5)
- **Waukesha**
  - Monches Park (5)
- **Waupaca**
  - Hartman Creek State Park (8)

**Suisan City, California:** Extending Central County Bikeway will link a neighborhood bikepath with the downtown waterfront area and promenade.
For more information about the Land and Water Conservation Fund, including state program contacts, please visit us at www.nps.gov/lwcf