



National Park Service
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STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2009 ANNUAL REPORT



National Program Goals

Reflecting the goals of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, the goals of the LWCF State Assistance Program are to:

- Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.
- Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.
- Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.

treasured landscapes



Americans are losing—and losing touch with—the lands and places that set our Nation apart. The great outdoors that fuels the American spirit and the American economy is fast disappearing under the pressures of population growth, habitat fragmentation and climate change.

Over the last 60 years, as our nation's population has doubled, we have lost the places where we fish and swim, woods where we hunt and hike, and wild lands where we find solitude. Today, kids spend half as much time outside as their parents did, sixty percent of Americans do not get the recommended amount of exercise, one-third of adults are not physically active at all, and too few people are taking advantage of America's open spaces, parks and backyards.

The time has come to help Americans reconnect with the outdoors and to protect the places we love. That is why the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance

Program, which provides federal support for local and state conservation and recreation initiatives, is so important.

Under President Obama's leadership, we have made new investments in LWCF, putting it on track to be fully funded at \$900 million a year by 2014. This new commitment to conservation will help American families—no matter where they live—get access to a park, a river, or an area of open space close to home. The new investments will also encourage our children to unplug and get outdoors, restore lands and reconnect landscapes, and build a proud legacy of stewardship for future generations.

To fulfill President Obama's vision for protecting America's great outdoors we must wisely implement a new vision for LWCF. We must work together with States, Tribes, local governments, and stakeholders; invest limited funds strategically; and leverage our investments to gain the greatest value on every project.

The opportunities ahead are exciting. With your help, we can better protect America's land, water, and wildlife and help our citizens reconnect with our great outdoors.

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

creating and renewing parks



I am pleased to share this annual report of the Land and Water Conservation Fund's State Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2009. By creating and renewing parks, this program provides millions of Americans with everyday recreation opportunities. It is also one of our best strategies for preserving and protecting the landscapes we treasure at the state and local levels.

Since 1965, LWCF has been working in partnership with states and communities to support, enhance and create parks for the benefit and use of all. With projects in virtually every county in the nation, these state and local parks form the backbone of our vital infrastructure for conservation, recreation and public health.

Never in the 44-year history of LWCF have we needed parks and recreation areas more than today. By investing in their creation and restoration, we offer hope, optimism and the opportunity for healthy recreation to each generation of Americans. All of us in the Fund's State Assistance Program are proud to work with our state and community partners all across America as we care for and renew these special landscapes. This report highlights our best work in 2009. On behalf of all Americans, we pledge to do even more in the years ahead.

Jon Jarvis, Director

National Park Service

park highlights

In 2009, the quality of life in 160 communities was enhanced by new parkland or improved facilities for recreation supported by the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program (LWCF).

Satellite Beach, Florida: Hightower Beach Park

With natural areas becoming increasingly rare along Florida's urbanized Atlantic coast, Hightower Beach Park is a gem. This extraordinary 18-acre park conserves a beautiful half-mile of ocean beach and ecologically-important dune system, features a nature trail, boardwalk, pergolas and a picnic pavilion. The park also provides a good place for whalewatching and preserves an undisturbed stretch of beach habitat needed for nesting green and loggerhead turtles; both federally-listed endangered species.

LWCF helped us preserve this treasured park while making it safely accessible for Satellite Beach residents and visitors.

Kerry Stoms, Recreation Director, Satellite Beach



Satellite Beach, Florida: **Hightower Beach Park**
Image: John Fergus

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Land and Water Conservation Fund 2009 Achievements

Grant Dollars	\$28,249,430 *
Total Dollars Leveraged	\$39,326,309
Recreation Areas Funded	164
New Acres Permanently Protected	26,265

* includes some prior year funds

Queen Creek, Arizona: **Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre**



Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre

Developed on 35 acres that were donated by Maricopa County, the new park and equestrian center received the 2009 Arizona Parks & Recreation Association Award, which recognizes new construction of outstanding parks, recreation and/or cultural facilities.

This is a great place for families to have fun and enjoy exciting events and shows, and helps put the Queen Creek community on the map as a destination spot.

Art Sanders, Mayor, Town of Queen Creek

2009

accomplishments



Augusta, Georgia: **Phinizy Swamp Nature Park**
Image: Georgia Department of Economic Development

Program Accomplishments in FY 2009

No single perspective adequately tells the whole story of the LWCF State Assistance Program's impact, but collectively our performance measures provide a better picture of the program's wide-ranging impacts:

Direct Community Impact: In FY 2009, \$28.3 million dollars in LWCF grant monies were awarded to acquire lands for outdoor recreation and to develop new and upgrade existing outdoor recreation facilities. This much-needed assistance made a direct impact on park and recreation facilities in or near 160 local communities and helped "encourage active participation to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States" (Public Law 88-578).

New Park Lands Acquired: In FY 2009, grants were awarded to acquire a total of 13,313 new acres for outdoor recreation use and enjoyment. In many communities, these acres mean brand new parks and recreation facilities.

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 FY 2009, 138 state and local park and recreation areas were enhanced with grants to develop new or rehabilitate existing outdoor recreation and support facilities. Almost 72% of these LWCF-assisted sites (98) benefited from entirely new recreation facilities, site improvements or enhancements.

Protecting Parks Forever: Finally, beyond the program's 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 remains available, not just for today's citizens, but for all future generations of Americans. In FY 2009, LWCF stewardship protection was expanded by a total of 26,265 acres and 81 park sites.

Santa Rosa, California: Annadel State Park

Located in the historic Valley of the Moon, Annadel State Park is 60 miles north of San Francisco on the eastern edge of Santa Rosa. The park has more than 5,000 acres of rolling hills, meadows and woodlands where hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists and nature lovers can choose from over 40 miles of trails. It was acquired in the early 1970s with the help of three LWCF grants totalling \$2.6 million.



Santa Rosa, California: **Annadel State Park**

National Program Goal	Performance Goal	Performance Measure	Success
<p>1. Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resources needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.</p>	<p>1. Increase the quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new parks created for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment. • Number of new acres of land and water made available for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment. • Number of parks where new outdoor recreation facilities were developed. 	<p>17 parks</p> <p>13,313 acres</p> <p>98 parks</p>
	<p>2. Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of parks enhanced through new development or rehabilitation of outdoor recreation and support facilities. 	<p>138 parks</p>
	<p>3. Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of local jurisdictions where LWCF grant projects are located. 	<p>160</p>
<p>2. Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.</p>	<p>4. Increase the number of acres of protected outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new acres protected. • Number of new sites protected under the LWCF Program. 	<p>26,265 acres</p> <p>81 sites</p>
	<p>5. Ensure that outdoor recreation resources funded through the LWCF Program are retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of LWCF projects inspected and determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use. • Percent of inspected acres funded by the LWCF determined to be open for public outdoor recreation use. 	<p>4,679 projects</p> <p>100% of inspected acres</p>
<p>3. Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.</p>	<p>6. Stimulate planning initiatives to help states identify outdoor recreation needs and establish the implementation strategies to meet those needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of approved SCORP plans. • Number of SCORP plans that were updated in 2008. 	<p>54 plans</p> <p>19 plans</p>
	<p>7. Leverage local and state matching investments that support outdoor recreation projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects that exceed the 50% non-federal match. 	<p>35 projects</p>

creating new parks

LWCF-assisted parks touch the lives of people living in 98% of U.S. counties. This year LWCF supported the creation of brand new parks in 17 communities, several of which are described below.



Winder, Georgia: Fort **Yargo State Park**,
Image: Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Brevard County, Florida: **Max K. Rodes Park**

Brevard County will develop a new 134-acre park for soccer, baseball and softball, along with a playground, nature trail, fishing pier, parking and other support facilities.

Warren County, Georgia: **County Recreation Complex**

Warren County is transforming an unused school property into a complex of baseball and softball fields.

Kern County, California: **Annin Avenue Recreation Park**

Approximately 12 acres of land, previously slated for industrial use, will be developed into vital green space for sports activities in a low-income agricultural community. Annin Avenue Recreation Park will add nine AYSO-regulation soccer fields and two baseball fields.

Evarts, Kentucky: Recreation Park

The City of Evarts will develop group shelter picnic areas that will provide the community with a much needed recreational facility.

Piscataquis County, Maine: Moosehead Junction Trailhead

Piscataquis County will acquire 2 acres to create a trailhead for use by hikers, equestrians, ATVs and snowmobiles. The new site supports the Greenville Junction Revitalization Plan.

Morris County, New Jersey: **Mount Paul State Park Acquisition**

New Jersey will acquire 1,143 acres of forested land in Morris County to establish Mount Paul State Park. The project site is located in the New Jersey Highlands, a region of critical natural resource value.

Wachapreague, Virginia: **Community Park Trail System**

Wachapreague will acquire a 1.62 acre parcel for the development of a network of walkways for its expanding community park system.

Clark County, Washington: **Fallen Leaf Lake Park**

LWCF will help to acquire 55 acres including a private lakefront and developed recreation amenities. The acquisition provides a key link in a regional network of public and non-profit owned greenspaces and trails.

Clark County, Washington: **Salmon Creek Greenspace**

Acquisition of uplands and riparian wetlands at the confluence of Salmon Creek and Morgan Creek will provide

new trail access for hiking, walking and trail running. The 64-acre acquisition protects critical open space within the City of Battle Ground.

Craig County, Virginia: **Craig County Recreation Complex**

With the nearest comparable recreation facilities a 30-50 minute drive, county residents will welcome the new recreation complex supported by acquisition of 18 acres. Current plans include facilities for baseball, softball, soccer, ADA accessible trails, picnicking and passive recreation.

Davis County, Utah: Farmington Ranches Neighborhood Park

This project will create a new 8-acre city park within a rapidly developing subdivision of Western Farmington. Phase one will include restrooms, walkways, picnic area, a playground, ball courts, landscaping and a sprinkler system.

Corpus Christi, Texas: Oso Bay Acquisition and Park Development

Corpus Christi, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife, will create a new 28-acre park on a site which is designated as an “Estuary of National Significance” and is a critical migratory bird habitat.

Harris/Montgomery Counties, Texas: **May Valley Park**

A new neighborhood recreation area in the Village of Sterling Ridge, the 9-acre May Valley Park will include a playground, playfield, tennis courts, and will protect a natural stream corridor.

from blueberries to green design

Blueberry Park Design Demonstrates Low Impact Development

Purchased with LWCF assistance in 1979 by the City of Bremerton, the Blueberry Park served its neighborhood for many years as a community garden space and open playfield. Thirty years later, LWCF is again a partner, this time supporting a series of state of the art facility and recreation upgrades that demonstrate low impact design. Green design elements include permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, ecoturf and wetland restoration.



Bremerton, Washington:
August 2009 Park Opening



Bremerton, Washington: **Blueberry Park**



Bremerton, Washington: **Blueberry Park**



park and recreation needs

The National Need for Parks and Recreation: \$12.1 Billion in 2009

To measure the national need for more public outdoor recreation facilities and increased parkland acquisition at the state and local level, the National Park Service annually requests each state to estimate the total amount of requests for financial assistance that were not funded for the past fiscal year. This chart once again demonstrates a consistent picture of national demand for recreation facility development and parkland acquisition funding: 92% of the states reported an unmet funding need of 92% or greater, for a total of \$12.1 billion in 2009.

Estimating unmet need remains a work in progress. The differences from the 2008 report reflect our ongoing partnership with states to improve the accuracy of their estimates for outdoor recreation facilities and parklands, regardless of potential funding source. In Florida, for example, the updated 2009 estimate was based on a new approach, combining raw data from state parks with a more accurate needs assessment from local parks and recreation departments. As states continue to grapple with this issue by collecting and interpreting data in new ways, it is to be expected that state estimates will vary from year to year. Nevertheless, the national unmet need for parks and recreation is clear and substantial.

* Reflects combined apportionment allocating appropriated funds (\$19 million) and supplemental apportionment pursuant to the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (\$8,160,947)

** Unmet needs shown are as reported by each State.

NR = Not Reporting

State	2009 LWCF Apportionment*	2009 Unmet Need**	% Unmet Need
Alabama	\$426,847	\$59,000,000	99%
Alaska	\$245,415	\$45,000,000	99%
Arizona	\$518,919	\$162,200,000	100%
Arkansas	\$338,812	\$12,662,961	97%
California	\$2,307,453	\$2,844,000,000	100%
Colorado	\$463,860	\$454,000,000	100%
Connecticut	\$415,557	\$92,000,000	100%
Delaware	\$257,520	\$19,890,000	99%
Florida	\$1,172,213	\$452,890,234	100%
Georgia	\$653,373	\$123,000,000	99%
Hawaii	\$286,672	\$28,523,328	99%
Idaho	\$280,252	\$920,782	77%
Illinois	\$952,056	\$555,437,100	100%
Indiana	\$538,275	\$582,000,000	100%
Iowa	\$359,544	\$13,585,000	97%
Kansas	\$357,455	\$101,000,000	100%
Kentucky	\$407,812	\$11,575,000	97%
Louisiana	\$454,978	\$177,423,033	100%
Maine	\$267,485	\$9,880,000	97%
Maryland	\$524,889	\$20,200,000	97%
Massachusetts	\$598,743	\$7,212,193	92%
Michigan	\$758,202	\$72,800,000	99%
Minnesota	\$476,449	\$100,000,000	100%
Mississippi	\$343,105	\$60,000,000	99%
Missouri	\$509,599	\$1,107,238	68%
Montana	\$255,970	\$347,639,103	100%
Nebraska	\$303,943	\$99,625,000	100%
Nevada	\$334,522	\$39,000,195	99%
New Hampshire	\$274,108	\$602,946	69%
New Jersey	\$733,049	\$228,250,142	100%
New Mexico	\$313,005	\$25,000,000	99%
New York	\$1,339,888	\$107,500,000	99%
North Carolina	\$613,677	\$1,451,060,000	100%
North Dakota	\$244,007	\$3,335,964	93%
Ohio	\$846,624	\$19,000,000	96%
Oklahoma	\$390,976	\$7,862,370	95%
Oregon	\$405,643	\$43,235,458	99%
Pennsylvania	\$897,138	\$105,000,000	99%
Rhode Island	\$276,547	\$1,472,537	84%
South Carolina	\$413,075	\$935,000,000	100%
South Dakota	\$248,365	\$18,326,725	99%
Tennessee	\$502,993	\$1,482,036,123	100%
Texas	\$1,414,608	\$150,420,214	99%
Utah	\$346,220	\$520,016,480	100%
Vermont	\$238,593	\$19,300,000	99%
Virginia	\$597,284	\$105,431,465	99%
Washington	\$551,547	\$227,400,000	100%
West Virginia	\$293,984	\$68,259,600	100%
Wisconsin	\$495,242	\$50,000,000	99%
Wyoming	\$238,446	\$151,756	39%
Guam	\$53,276	\$7,005,000	99%
Puerto Rico	\$405,298	\$18,000,000	98%
Virgin Islands	\$52,601	\$25,000,000	100%
American Samoa	\$51,364	NR	
District of Columbia	\$62,005	NR	
Northern Marianas	\$51,464	NR	
TOTAL	\$27,160,947	\$12,111,237,947	99.8%



The LWCF State Assistance Program helps States and territories

meet their critical recreation and conservation needs. In partnership with the National Park Service, we are providing Americans with a system of state and local parks essential to our health and well being, and preserving our treasured natural resources for future generations.

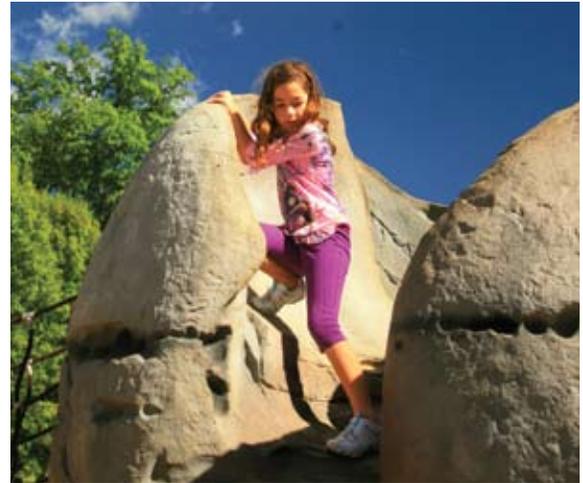
As you can see, there continues to be huge gaps between what we can provide and what citizens are asking for. Parks and recreation facilities are part of the basic infrastructure that creates livable communities, fosters economic development and promotes healthy lifestyles. LWCF assistance is essential in creating parks and open spaces. It is a 45-year legacy of which we are most proud.

Tim Hogsett
Director, Recreation Grants
Texas Parks and Wildlife
Department;

President,
National Association of
State Outdoor Recreation
Liaison Officers

A Closer Look at the Unmet Need in 2009

In addition to estimating the unmet need for outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition, the National Park Service asked each state to provide examples of unfunded projects. Here is a sampling of what we learned:



Huntington, West Virginia: Ritter Park

COLORADO The goal of two community trail projects not funded in 2009 is to strengthen local and regional trail networks by linking them more directly

to key community destinations. The Del Norte Trails Visibility Project would establish three new Del Norte Trail Gateways and six Community Trailheads on Del Norte Streets, highways and county roads. The project would also support construction of an ADA trail along US 160 and CR 14 connecting the Rio Grande Hospital to the CR 14/US 160 Gateway; and facilitate the acquisition of trail easements. The Firestone Loop Trail includes development of trail corridors leading to two major regional attractions, Firestone Regional Sports Complex and Carbon Valley Regional Library. The Firestone Trail is part of the Colorado Front Range Trail system. When completed, this project will connect the Colorado Front Range Trail with neighborhood trails, the St. Vrain State Park, and with Centennial Elementary School.

KANSAS Kansas state parks saw a 32% increase in 2009 visitation which mirrored an increase in unmet needs for parks and outdoor recreation facilities: \$101 million. The state estimate includes projects ranging from infrastructure upgrades at dozens of small neighborhood parks to repairs and improvements of visitor facilities and campgrounds in large state parks. This figure does not include outdoor recreation projects deemed needed for projected growing populations over the next 5 years.

NORTH CAROLINA The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been tracking progress toward the State’s goal of conserving one million acres during the current decade 2001 – 2010. While significant progress has been made, the current pace of conserving land is being overtaken by the growing cost of acquisition, with more than 400,000 acres still needed to be conserved. Within the state parks system alone, it is estimated \$176 million is needed to purchase 43,752 acres identified by individual park master plans to complete all of the current state park units. In addition, through its “New Parks for a New Century” initiative, the State’s Division of Parks and Recreation has identified over 40 sites across the state that could be added as units to the state park system. Conserving these lands, approximately 114,000 acres—many of the state’s most treasured and threatened natural resources—would require an additional estimated \$454 million.

park and recreation needs

VIRGINIA Expanding and developing Virginia's state park system heads the list of critical projects, totalling \$105,431,465, that went unfunded in 2009. For example, at Widewater State Park in Stafford County at the confluence of Aquia Creek and the Potomac River, additional funding would be used to develop the park's infrastructure: a multi-use trail system, fishing piers, boat launches for canoes and kayaks, picnic areas and playgrounds. Later phases of development will include overnight campground and cabin areas. At newly acquired Powhatan State Park on the James River in northern Powhatan County, LWCF assistance would support construction of roads, parking, utilities, picnic areas and comfort stations, boat launches, fishing nodes, and mountain biking trails.

WASHINGTON Washington's estimated unmet need of \$227.4 million represents a diverse portfolio of outdoor recreation projects, including acquisition, new construction, and the renovation of aging recreational sites. Among the top-ranked unfunded LWCF projects from 2009 are trail development and public access-related improvements (gates, parking, picnic sites and signs) in Oakland Bay County Park. The County has developed partnerships with several community interest groups to complete this project. Another public access project in King County will develop a whitewater staging area, river access trails, and amenities along the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River at the 40-acre Tanner Landing Park. The site is important because the Middle Fork provides prime whitewater kayaking, rafting, and canoeing opportunities near an urban area.



Downsville, Louisiana: **Bryan Park**



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Over the last four years LWCF has provided critical funding assistance as we work to restore damaged outdoor recreational facilities and to provide for the needs of Louisiana's citizens and visitors.

Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu

Responding to State and Local Park Needs: Recent Projects in South Carolina

Caesars Head and Jones Gap State Parks form the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, located along the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment. This area features hiking trails through breathtaking scenery, including mountain vistas, deep forest coves, pristine streams and picturesque waterfalls. Caesars Head is recognized as a premier hawk-watching site in South Carolina: more than 6,200 migrating broad-winged hawks were observed on a single day in September 2008.

Over the past 15 years, LWCF has supported several projects in this region, including a facility development grant at Caesars Head State Park and two land acquisition grants to expand the park and, in 2008 to link it with Jones Gap. Another development grant funded park enhancements at Herdclotz Park in Greenville.



Greenville, South Carolina: **Herdclotz Park**



Greenville County, South Carolina: **Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, Blue Wall Connection Acquisition**

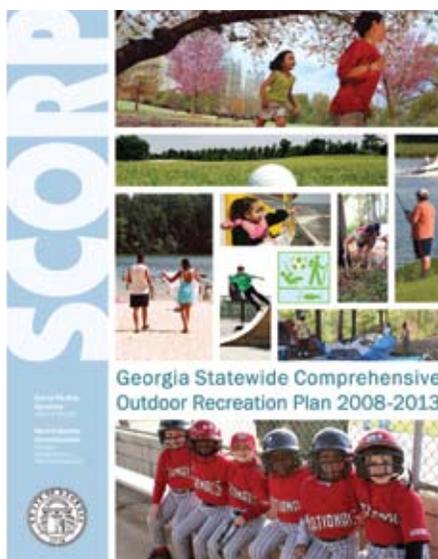


Greenville County, South Carolina: **Caesars Head State Park**

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Recognizing Excellence in State Outdoor Recreation Planning

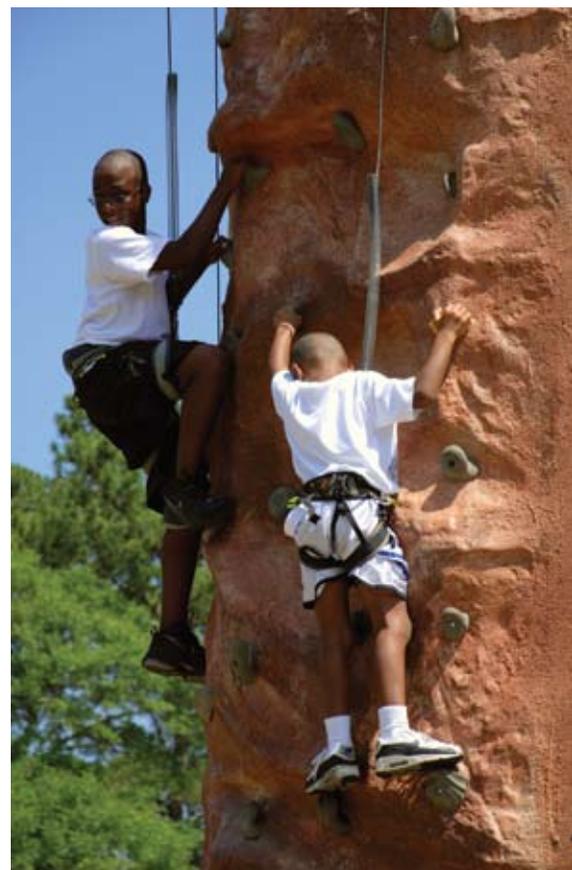
The LWCF Act requires each State and Territory to undertake a planning process to evaluate the demand for and supply of outdoor recreation resources and to develop an implementation program to encompass and promote the purposes of the Act. Each State and Territory focuses resources to meet this requirement and, with the public's input, produces a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every five years. The National Park Service is responsible for ensuring that States and Territories meet this statutory prerequisite prior to receiving federal LWCF financial assistance for public outdoor recreation projects.



Georgia SCORP

To recognize and honor the public outdoor recreation leadership, vision and commitment demonstrated by many States and Territories, NPS recently partnered with the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP) to create the annual SCORP Excellence Award. The award recognizes a State or Territory whose SCORP process and product exemplifies the spirit and intent of the LWCF Act by vigorously planning for the provision of outdoor recreation places and opportunities to strengthen and health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

In 2009, the State of Georgia was selected to receive the first joint NPS/NARRP SCORP Excellence Award for demonstrating the State's solid vision and strategic plan for establishing and protecting places for public outdoor recreation. Oregon, Virginia and Wisconsin were also recognized for their exceptional efforts. The award was presented by NPS and NARRP during NARRP's annual conference in Pittsburgh in April 2009. All four plans deserve consideration by planners in other states charged with providing and protecting public outdoor recreation places and opportunities.



Rockdale County, Georgia: **Climbing Demonstration**
Image: Georgia Department of Natural Resources



Tallulah Falls, Georgia: **Tallulah Gorge State Park**
Image: Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Georgia is honored to receive the inaugural award for planning excellence for our SCORP. The ultimate declaration of our SCORP is that Georgia is at a critical crossroad. The preservation of our state’s priceless natural resources and the provision of accessible and affordable public outdoor recreation opportunities are now, more than ever, important responsibilities that we — as a state and as a society — must forthrightly address.

Becky Kelley, Director
Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources



Becky Kelley, Director, Georgia State Parks (left) and Antoinette Norfleet, Director of Grants (right) receive the first annual SCORP Excellence award.

land and water conservation fund **2009** project sites

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a visionary program established by Congress in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure accessibility to quality outdoor recreation resources for active participation in recreation and “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States (Public Law 88-578).”

Projects are listed by county with congressional districts in parentheses. Images featured in this section highlight current and recently completed LWCF projects. A State may not be represented in this park list – an occurrence due most frequently to a decision to combine its apportionment from successive years to have sufficient funds for a desired project(s). States have three years to obligate apportioned funds to new projects.

Alabama

Blount

Palisades Park (4)

Chilton

Jemison Town Park (6)

Choctaw

Zack Rogers Park (7)

Cullman

Baileyton Town Park (4)

De Kalb

Geraldine Town Park (4)

Jackson

Cumberland Mountain
Park (5)

Monroe

Murphy Park (1)

Morgan

Sparkman Park (5)

Tuscaloosa

Coaling Town Park (7)

Washington

Millry Ball Field (1)

Alaska

Skagway Hoonah Angoon

Keidladee Park

Arizona

Pima

Juhan Park (7)
Silverlake Park (7)

Yavapai

Slide Rock State Park (1)

Arkansas

Clark

Terre Noire Natural Area (4)

California

Butte

Martin Luther King Jr.
Park (4)

Kern

Annin Avenue Recreation
Park (20)
Polo Community Park (22)

Riverlakes Ranch

Community Park (22)

Mendocino

Observatory Park (1)

Merced

Livingston Sports
Complex (18)



Sacramento, California: **Congresswoman Doris Matsui (center)** helps celebrate the opening of Five Star Park

Projects listed by county; number in parentheses indicates congressional district.



Overton, Nevada: **Valley of Fire State Park**

Orange

Pioneer Park (40)

Placer

Recreation Park (4)

Riverside

Corona Stagecoach Park (44)

Sacramento

Chorley Park (5)

San Bernardino

Doris Davies Park (25)

San Diego

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve (52)

San Francisco

Buena Vista Park (8)

San Luis Obispo

Irish Hills Natural Reserve (23)

Sutter

Live Oak Memorial Park (2)

Ventura

Northwood Park (24)

Colorado

Weld

Poudre River Trail (4)

Delaware

Sussex

Trap Pond State Park

Florida

Brevard

Max K. Rodes Park (15)

Palm Beach

Congress Avenue Park (22)

Georgia

Rockdale

Panola Mountain State Park (3)

Warren

Warren County Recreation Park (12)

Hawaii

Hawaii

Lava Tree State Monument (2)

Honolulu

Ewa Mahi Ko Park (1)

Kauai

Wailua River State Park (2)

Maui

Lahaina Recreation Center (2)

Idaho

Bonneville

Petersen Park (2)

Nez Perce

Kiwanis Park (1)

Valley

Armstrong Park (1)

Vibrant parks support humane, livable communities. Over the past 44 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has helped us create a matchless legacy of state and local parks in California; today, it continues to support our efforts on wonderful community parks like Five Star Park in Sacramento.

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui

Iowa

Cedar

City Park (2)

Dubuque

E.B. Lyons Park (1)

Linn

Squaw Creek Park (2)

Union

Green Valley State Park (5)

Illinois

Dekalb

Prairie Hill Forest Preserve (14)

Johnson

Wise Ridge State Natural Area (19)

Kendall

Fox River (14)

Saint Clair

Engelmann Farm Park (12)

Indiana

Benton

Fowler Town Park (1)

Cass

Huston Sports Complex (2)

Lagrange

Pine Knob Park (3)

Jefferson

Perry State Park (2)

Miami

Hillsdale State Park (2)

Kentucky

Anderson

Anderson County Park (6)

Bourbon

Auburn Municipal Park (6)

Breathitt

Breathitt County Skate Park (5)

Calloway

Central Park (1)

Campbell

Tower Park (4)

Christian

Ruff Park (1)

Daviess

Whitesville Park (2)

Grayson

Millwood Community Center (2)

Harlan

South Everts RV Park (5)

Harrison

Flat Run Veterans Park (4)



Fallon, Nevada: **Laura Mills Park**

Hopkins

Earlington City Park (1)

Madison

White Hall Park (6)

Menifee

Menifee County Park (5)

Metcalf

Edmonton Memorial Park (1)

Muhlenberg

J.P. Morgan Memorial Park (1)

Webster

Baker Park (1)

Maine

Aroostook

Mill Pond Park (2)

Woodland Community

Playground (2)

Cumberland

Portland Skate Park (1)

Kennebec

Gardiner Common Playground (1)

Piscataquis

Moosehead Junction Trail Head (2)

Sagadahoc

Reid State Park (1)

Somerset

Memorial Field Park (2)



Tulsa, Oklahoma: **H.A. Chapman Centennial Green**

Downtown Tulsa has a wonderful new public amenity. The H.A. Chapman Centennial Green is a crown jewel in our ongoing efforts to revitalize downtown.

Kathy Taylor, Mayor, City of Tulsa

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Custer State Park, South Dakota

Custer State Park, located in South Dakota's famed Black Hills region, boasts a variety of scenic natural, historic, and recreational opportunities; national and international visitation in 2008 exceeded 1.8 million. LWCF helped support construction of a new comfort station at Blue Bell Campground, installation of a new playground structure at Stockade Lake, and renovation of the existing campground at Legion Lake.



Custer State Park, South Dakota: **Construction of a new playground at Stockade Lake**

Maryland

Dorchester

Harriet Tubman
Underground Railroad
State Park (1)

Massachusetts

Barnstable

John Kenrick Woods
Conservation Area (10)

Dukes

Sea View Park (10)
Waban/Alley Park (10)

Plymouth

Crawley Woodlands
Preserve (10)

Michigan

Cheboygan

Cheboygan Recreation
Trailhead Park (1)

Genesee

Creasy Bicentennial Park (5)

Gladwin

Gladwin City Park (1)

Huron

Gallup Park (10)

Lake

Hollister Park (2)

Oakland

Key Park (12)

Roscommon

South Higgins Lake
State Park (4)

Saint Clair

Yale City Park (10)

Minnesota

Douglas
Kensington Runestone
Park (7)

Mississippi

Forrest

Paul B. Johnson State
Park (5)

Hinds

Lefleur's Bluff State Park (2)

Tishomingo

Tishomingo State Park (1)

Missouri

Barton

Lamar City Park (4)

Boone

Harrisburg Outdoor
Recreation Complex (9)

Clay

Oak Grove Park (6)

Jackson

Wilber Young Park (6)

Nodaway

Moera Mozinga Lake
Park (6)

Saint Charles

Cottleville City Park (2)

Saint Louis

Tower Grove Park (3)

Webster

Hidden Waters Nature
Park (4)

Worth

Grant City Pool Park (1)

Montana

Granite

Philipsburg Town Park

Yellowstone

Lockwood School

Nebraska

Buffalo

Pleasanton Park (3)

Dixon

Ponca State Park (1)

Howard

St. Paul Tennis Court &
Outdoor Basketball
Recreation Park (3)

Lancaster

Malcolm Ball Field (1)

Nance

Genoa City Park (3)

Saunders

Ashland Ball Park (1)

York

Henderson Sports
Complex (1)

Nevada

Lyon

Fuji Park (2)

Washoe

Washoe Lake State Park (2)

New Hampshire

Coos

Jericho Mountain State
Park (2)

Umbagog State Park (2)

New Jersey

Camden

Blueberry Hill Park (1)

Morris

Mt. Paul State Park (11)

North Dakota

Walsh

Leistikow Park

Ohio

Vinton

Vinton Furnace
Experimental Forest (6)

Oklahoma

Creek

Davis Park (3)
Liberty Park (3)

Delaware

Grove Sports & Recreation
Complex (2)

Haskell

Roye Park (2)

Latimer

Rosebure Recreation
Complex (2)

Logan

Tiger Cub Playground (3)

McIntosh

Veterans Memorial Track (2)

Muskogee

Robinson Park (2)
Spaulding Park (2)

Oklahoma

Lake Hefner (5)

Washita

New Cordell Swimming
Pool (3)

Oregon

Multnomah

Main City Park (3)

Washington

Schiffler Park (1)

Pennsylvania

Chester

Elwood I. Crossan Park (16)

South Carolina

Greenville

Cedar Falls Regional Park (4)

Florence County, South Carolina: Lynchess River County Park

A group of children from the Florence YMCA enjoy a “bird’s eye view” from the Canopy Walk at Lynchess River County Park. The Canopy Walk is a suspension bridge that extends from the Environmental Discovery Center and provides visitors with a unique perspective of the floodplain below.

Florence County, South Carolina: **Lynchess River County Park**





Poulsbo, Washington: **Liberty Bay Park**



Seminole, Oklahoma: **New Ball Fields**

Poulsbo, Washington: Liberty Bay Park

Then and Now—in 1974, LWCF supported the park’s initial construction. A new grant in 2007 funded shoreline trail improvements, landscaping and benches.

South Dakota

Charles Mix

Snake Creek Recreation Area

Custer

Custer State Park

Texas

Bandera

Lost Maples State Natural Area (21)

Montgomery

May Valley Park (8)

Nueces

Banquete Park (27)
Oso Conservation & Interpretive Park (27)

Presidio

Big Bend Ranch State Park (23)

Utah

Davis

Farmington Ranches Neighborhood Park (1)

Vermont

Addison

Button Bay State Park
Ferrisburgh Community Recreation Park

Franklin

St. Albans City School Playground

Washington

East Montpelier Community Playground
Montpelier High School Tennis Court

The new 4-quad ball fields have been an overwhelming success! Even our wildest dreams could not have predicted the impact this facility would have. We did not expect that the adults would use it as much as the kids. And our restaurants and hotels are consistently full as a result of the project. We cannot thank the LWCF enough for their participation in this project.

Steve Saxon, City Manager, City of Seminole

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Huntington, West Virginia: **Congressman Nick Rahall** at Ritter Park opening

Over the past 44 years, West Virginia has received nearly \$44 million in Land and Water Conservation Funds for state and local park projects. The fund continues to support our efforts today with great community projects like Ritter Park Island Playground where kids can have fun outdoors.

Congressman Nick Rahall

Virginia

- Accomack**
Wachapreague Seaside Community Park (1)
- Bath**
Douthat State Park (6)
- Craig**
Craig County Recreation Complex (9)

Virginia Beach City
Lake Lawson Park (2)

Washington

- Clark**
Fallen Leaf Lake Park (3)
Salmon Creek Greenspace (3)
- King**
E.J. Nist Family Park (7)
- Kitsap**
Lions Park (1)

West Virginia

- Marshall**
Grand Vue Park (1)
- Wood**
Williamstown City Pool (1)

Wisconsin

- Door**
Olde Stone Quarry Park (8)
- Manitowoc**
Point Beach State Forest (6)
- Puerto Rico**
Humacao
Punta Guilarte Vacational

A state may not be represented in the above park list – an occurrence due most frequently to a decision to combine its apportionment from successive years in order to have sufficient funds for a desired project(s). States have three years to obligate funds to new projects once made available to them.



Huntington, West Virginia: **Ritter Park**

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Tahoe City, California: **Skylandia Park**



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