

OHIO

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Ohio

Federal Program

Cuyahoga Valley NP
Dayton Aviation NHP
Fallen Timbers
Hopewell Culture NHP
James Garfield NHS
Little Beaver Creek WSR
Ohio NPs
Ottawa NWR
Perry's Victory IPMem
Wayne NF

Federal Total \$ 175,800,000

Forest Legacy \$ 6,600,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec.6)
\$ 3,800,000

State & Local Program

Total State Grants \$ 146,700,000

Total \$ 332,900,000

LWCF Success in Ohio

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Ohio's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Ohio has received approximately \$333 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Wayne National Forest, and the James Garfield National Historic Site.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grants are also funded under LWCF, to help protect working forests. The FLP cost-share funding supports timber sector jobs and sustainable forest operations while enhancing wildlife habitat, water quality and recreation. For example, the FLP contributed to places such as the Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest in Clinton, Vinson and Madison counties. The Forest Legacy Program assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands through matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$6.6 million in federal funds to invest in Ohio's forests, while protecting air and water quality, wildlife habitat, access for recreation and other public benefits provided by forests.

LWCF state assistance grants have further supported hundreds of projects across Ohio's state and local parks including Chestnut Hills Trailhead in Portage County, City of Toronto War Memorial in Jefferson County and Middle Bass Island in Ottawa County.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Ohio economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$24.3 billion in consumer spending in Ohio, 215,000 jobs which generate \$7 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$1.5 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year 5 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Ohio, contributing \$3.2 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Tour at Dayton Aviation NHP Credit: NPS
Top: Cuyahoga Valley NP Credit: NPS

**SUPPORT PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION AND FULL FUNDING FOR
THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

LWCF in Ohio

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Located between Cleveland and Akron, the 20,000-seat Richfield Coliseum was the home of the Cleveland Cavaliers professional basketball team for twenty years and hosted more than 200 events annually. When the arena closed in 1994, commercial developers expressed interest in building a mega-mall on the Coliseum's 327-acre site. At the request of local citizen groups and community leaders, The Trust for Public Land purchased the property, demolished the vacant arena, and transferred ownership of the land to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park using \$10 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. By returning the land to back to its natural state, the project eased the imminent threat of sprawl that would have impacted the small Cuyahoga Valley National Park communities and the surrounding area.

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Ohio

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
FS	Appalachian Foothills: Wayne NF	\$1,800,000	Brown, Portman/ Stivers, Johnson
FLP	Little Smokies 2	\$2,500,000	Brown, Portman/ Wenstrup

Recreation at Wayne NF
Credit: USFS

LWCF is a simple idea: that a portion of offshore drilling fees should be used to protect important land and water for all Americans. These are not taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, the promise of LWCF has been broken. The program is authorized to receive up to \$900 million each year—but most of these funds have been diverted elsewhere. Now is the time to fix this and ensure that funds retained in the LWCF account are used for their intended conservation and recreation purposes.

LWCF supports the acquisition of land and conservation easements to protect our national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, trails, and BLM sites, grants funds to the states for local and state park needs, protects critical wildlife habitat, watersheds and recreational access, and conserves working farms, ranches and forestlands that enhance local economies.



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The Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget:

The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget proposal would gut the Land and Water Conservation Fund, reducing the program's budget by over 100% from enacted levels. Under this proposal, no projects would be funded for federal land conservation at America's National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and other public lands. State grant programs to support local recreation facilities, state parks, wildlife habitat, and other community conservation priorities would also be completely wiped out. Without robust LWCF funding in FY 2019, Ohio's conservation and outdoor recreation needs could be put on hold or lost forever.

FY18 Enacted vs. FY19 Budget Request Comparison

Agency/Program	FY18 Enacted Funding	FY19 President's Budget
National Park Service	\$46,935,000	- \$1,212,000*
Bureau of Land Management	\$24,916,000	- \$6,608,000*
U.S. Forest Service	\$64,337,000	- \$17,000,000*
Fish and Wildlife Service	\$53,839,000	\$6,953,000
Sec. 6 Habitat Conservation	\$19,638,000	\$0
Forest Legacy Program	\$67,025,000	- \$4,000,000*
Highlands Conservation Act	\$10,000,000	\$0
American Battlefield Protection	\$10,000,000	\$0
State & Local Assistance	\$124,006,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$425,000,000	- \$12,867,000*

*proposed rescission of already appropriated LWCF funds