

# INDIANA

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Places in Indiana

### Federal Program

Hoosier NF  
Indiana Dunes NL  
Patoka River NWR

**Federal Total**           \$ 106,000,000

### Forest Legacy Program

\$ 10,000,000

### State Program

Total State Grants       \$ 85,000,000

**Total**                     \$ 201,000,000

## LWCF Success in Indiana

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Indiana's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Indiana has received approximately \$201 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Hoosier National Forest and the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge.

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 Shawnee Hills around Indianapolis, the Land Bridge project in Brown and Monroe Counties and Luke's Run in Owen County. The FLP 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 \$10 million in federal funds to invest in Indiana'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 Indiana's state and local parks including Indiana Dunes State Park in Porter County, Potato Creek State Park in St. Joseph County and the Trine State Recreation Area in Steuben County.

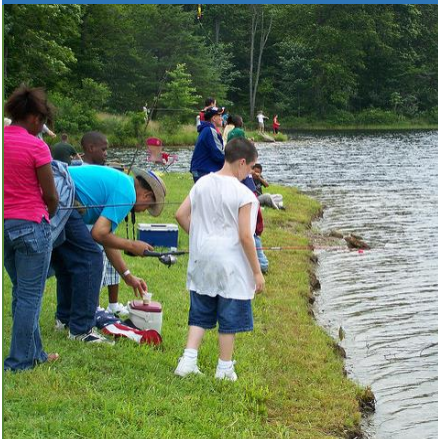
## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Indiana economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$15.7 billion in consumer spending in Indiana, 143,000 jobs which generate \$4.3 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$1.1 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year over 2.8 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Indiana, contributing \$2.2 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Wildlife Viewing at Patoka River NWR Credit: USFWS  
Top: Indiana Dunes NL Credit: NPS

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



Fishing at Hoosier 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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## LWCF in Indiana

### Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is approximately 15,000 acres of beach and other lands on the shores of Lake Michigan. Located about an hour outside of Chicago, Indiana Dunes receives around 2 million annual visitors and is one of the most popular lakeshores on Lake Michigan. Recreational activities at the lakeshore include wildlife watching, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking, swimming, fishing and boating in the summer and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. The lakeshore also contains five houses from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 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, Indiana'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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$425,000,000</b>	<b>- \$12,867,000*</b>

\*proposed rescission of already appropriated LWCF funds