

MASSACHUSETTS

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Massachusetts

Federal Program

Adams NHP
Boston NHP
Boston Harbor Islands NRA
Cape Cod NS
Frederick Law Olmsted NHS
Great Meadows NWR
Lowell NHP
Mashpee NWR
Massasoit NWR
Minute Man NHP
Monomoy NWR
New England NST
Parker River NWR
Salem Maritime NHS
Saugus Iron Works NHS
*Silvio Conte NFWR
Sippewisset Marsh

Federal Total \$ 96,200,000

Forest Legacy Program
\$ 35,300,000

State Program
Total State Grants \$ 97,600,000

Total \$ 229,100,000

*multistate project

LWCF Success in Massachusetts

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Massachusetts' most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Massachusetts has received approximately \$229 million over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Cape Cod National Seashore, Great Meadows and Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuges, Minute Man National Historical Park.

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 Southern Monadnock Plateau and Muschopauge Brook, both in Worcester 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 \$35 million in federal funds to invest in Massachusetts' 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 Massachusetts' state and local parks including trails and watershed lands along the Millers River in Ashburnham and scenic views from Mt. Watatic summit.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Massachusetts economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$16.2 billion in consumer spending in Massachusetts, 120,000 jobs which generate \$5.9 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$911 million annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year over 2.4 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Massachusetts, contributing over \$1.6 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Minute Man NHP Credit: NPS
Top: Cape Cod NS Credit: NPS

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



Recreation at Parker River NWR
Credit: USFWS

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 Massachusetts

Cape Cod National Seashore

With over four million visitors a year, Cape Cod National Seashore is one of the most heavily visited units in the National Park system. The Seashore offers six swimming beaches, over 11 miles of self-guided nature trails, a variety of picnic areas, scenic overlooks, historic building tours, and many fishing opportunities. Due to the Seashore's tremendous popularity, privately owned land in this area faces significant development pressures. Recently, the owners of the 57-acre North of Highland Campground, a family-run private campground within the Seashore's boundary in Truro, sold an easement on the campground to the National Park Service. This easement allows the campground to remain open, serve the public, and provide recreational opportunities to visitors.

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Massachusetts

Agency	State	Project	Amount	Delegation
FWS	CT/MA	Silvio O. Conte NF & WR	\$1,750,000	Markey, Warren/Neal, McGovern

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, Massachusetts'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