

# MICHIGAN

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Places in Michigan

### Federal Program

Au Sable Nat River  
Detroit River IWR  
\*Great Lakes Northwoods  
Harbor Island NWR  
Hiawatha NF  
Huron NF  
Huron-Manistee NFs  
Huron/Ottawa NFs  
Keweenaw NHP  
Kirtlands Warbler WMA  
Manistee NF  
Manistee WSR  
Michigan NFs  
North Country NST  
Ottawa NF  
Pere Marquette WSR  
Pictured Rocks NL  
Shiawassee NWR  
Sleeping Bear Dunes NL  
Walkinshaw Wetlands

**Federal Total** \$ 181,400,000

### Forest Legacy Program

\$ 15,900,000

### Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)

\$ 2,700,000

### State Program

Total State Grants \$129,300,000

**Total** \$329,400,000

\*multistate project

## LWCF Success in Michigan

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Michigan's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Michigan has received approximately \$329 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Huron, Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests, and the North Country National Scenic Trail.

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 a working forest conservation easement over the 247,803-acre Northern Great Lakes Forest in the Upper Peninsula. 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 \$16 million in federal funds to invest in Michigan'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 Michigan's state and local parks including Brighton State Recreation Area in Livingston County, Presque Isle Park in Marquette County, Proud Lake Recreation Area in Oakland County, Gallup Park in Washtenaw County and Lake Lansing Park in Ingham County.

## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Michigan economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$26.6 billion in consumer spending in Michigan, 232,000 jobs which generate \$7.5 billion in wages and salaries, and produces \$2.1 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year 4.9 million people hunt, fish, or enjoy wildlife-watching in Michigan, contributing over \$5.1 billion in wildlife recreation spending to the state economy.



Recreation at Hiawatha NF Credit: U. FS  
Top: Huron-Manistee NFs Credit: USFS

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FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**



School group at Sleeping Bear Dunes  
NL  
Credit: NPS

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 Michigan

### Ottawa National Forest

The Ottawa National Forest is known in particular for its hardwood forests, bountiful streams, rivers, lakes, spectacular fall foliage, and heavy winter snowfall. The forest offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and provides habitat for a range of wildlife. The Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Area features the geologically unique Sturgeon River Gorge, where the river has carved falls, rapids, ponds, oxbows, and terraces. Its rugged terrain, mature forests, and remote location offer outstanding recreational opportunities including hiking, primitive camping, canoeing, whitewater kayaking, hunting, and fishing. It also hosts a variety of wildlife habitat, including a Lynx Analysis Unit, used to monitor potential habitat for the threatened Canada lynx. Federal acquisition of this land ensured the integrity of the wilderness experience and the protection of a truly unique natural resource area.

### Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Michigan

Agency	Project	Amount	Delegation
NPS	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	\$2,308,000	Peters, Stabenow/ Bergman
FLP	Elk Forest at Black River	\$1,500,000	Peters, Stabenow/ Bergman

### 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, Michigan'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

Note - All approximate totals derived from appropriations bills  
- Forest Legacy Program & Sec. 6 funded from LWCF starting in 2004