

# NORTH CAROLINA

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



## LWCF Funded Places in North Carolina

### Federal Program

Alligator River NWR  
\*Blue Ridge Parkway  
Cape Hatteras NS  
Cape Lookout NS  
Carl Sandburg Home NHS  
\*Chattooga WSR

Croatan NF  
Currituck NWR  
Fort Raleigh NHS  
Great Dismal Swamp NWR  
\*Great Smoky Mountains NP  
Guilford Courthouse NMP  
Nantahala NF

North Carolina NFs

\*Palmyra Atoll

Pisgah NF

Roanoke River NWR

Uwharrie NF

**Federal Total**     \$ 135,300,000

### Forest Legacy Program

\$ 23,200,000

### Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)

\$ 4,700,000

### American Battlefield Protection Program

\$ 3,700,000

### State Program

Total State Grants \$ 80,000,000

**Total**     \$246,900,000

\*multistate project

## LWCF Success in North Carolina

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of North Carolina's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. North Carolina has received approximately \$247 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as the Cape Lookout National Seashore, Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests.

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 Whitehurst Forest in Craven County and Clarendon Plantation in Brunswick 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 \$23 million in federal funds to invest in North Carolina'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 North Carolina's state and local parks including Leinbach Park in Forsyth County, Camden Community Park in Camden County, Pittsboro Recreation Complex in Chatham County and Four Mile Creek Greenway in Mecklenburg County.

## Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the North Carolina economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation generates \$28 billion annually in consumer spending in North Carolina, supports 260,000 jobs across the state which generate \$8.3 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$1.3 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that over 3.4 million people hunt, fish or watch wildlife in North Carolina each year, spending \$2.7 billion on wildlife-related recreation.



Reenactment at Guilford Courthouse NMP Credit: NPS  
Top: Blue Ridge Parkway Credit: NPS

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



Seining at Cape Hatteras NS  
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 North Carolina

### Pisgah National Forest

From the forested crown of Mt. Mitchell, highest peak east of the Mississippi, to the spectacular purple rhododendrons of Craggy Gardens, Pisgah National Forest protects North Carolina's rugged mountain heritage. Many projects in the forest have acquired key inholdings, which help to protect the forest from overdevelopment and pollution. Located within the forest, the clean, clear waters of Lake James provide recreation activities to visitors and ensure ongoing tourism for local communities. Land and Water Conservation Fund projects like this protect America's special places, promote healthy lifestyles, and help sustain local economies.

### Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for North Carolina

Agency	State	Project	Amount	Delegation
FS	NC	North Carolina Threatened Treasures; Nantahala/Pisgah/Uwharrie	\$750,000	Burr, Tillis/ McHenry, Meadows, Hudson, Walker
FLP	NC	Balsam Range	\$1,800,000	Burr, Tillis/ Meadows
NPS	NC/SC/TN/VA	Overmountain Victory National Historical Trail	\$185,000	Burr, Tillis/Fox, Meadows, McHenry
NPS	NC/VA	Blue Ridge Parkway	\$1,292,000	Burr, Tillis/Fox, Meadows, McHenry

### 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, North Carolina'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