

TENNESSEE

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



LWCF Funded Places in Tennessee

Federal Program

*Appalachian NST
Big South Fork NRR
Cherokee NF
Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP
Chickasaw NWR
Cumberland Gap NHP
Fort Donelson NB
*Great Smoky Mountains NP
Lower Hatchie NWR
Moccasin Bend
Obed WSR
Overmountain Victory NHT
Reelfoot NWR
Shiloh NMP
Stones River NB
Tennessee NWR

Federal Total \$ 92,500,000

Forest Legacy Program

\$ 33,100,000

Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6)

\$ 3,900,000

American Battlefield Protection Program

\$5,700,000

State & Local Program

Total State Grants \$ 73,300,000

Total \$ 208,500,000

*multistate project

LWCF Success in Tennessee

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has provided funding to help protect some of Tennessee's most special places and ensure recreational access for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Tennessee has received approximately \$208 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, protecting places such as Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park, Cherokee National Forest, Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge and Shiloh National Military 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 Cumberland Mountain in Franklin County and Chickamauga Creek in Marion County. The FLP matching grants for permanent conservation easement and fee acquisitions, and has leveraged approximately \$33 million in federal funds to invest in Tennessee'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 Tennessee's state and local parks including Big Hill Pond State Park in McNairy County, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Panther Creek State Park in Hamblen County and Roan Mountain State Park in Carter County.

Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the Tennessee economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation contributes more than \$21.6 billion annually to Tennessee's economy, supports 188,000 jobs across the state which generate \$6.5 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$1.4 billion annually in state and local tax revenue. Further, the U.S. Census reports that each year over 2.8 million people enjoy hunting, fishing and watching wildlife across Tennessee, contributing \$2.3 billion to the state economy from wildlife recreation spending.



School group at Obed WSR Credit: NPS

Top: Great Smoky Mountains NP Credit: NPS

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



Cherokee 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 Tennessee

Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park

Created at the request of Civil War veterans in 1890, this park protects important Civil War sites in and around the city of Chattanooga, including Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Moccasin Bend, and the Chickamauga Battlefield. LWCF investments of more than \$10 million - through National Park Service land acquisition inside the park and using American Battlefield Protection Program grants outside the park boundaries - have ensured the permanent protection of important historic sites that are also part of Chattanooga's enviable network of open space. Protected lands that have benefited from LWCF funds include the sites of several key battles fought during a pivotal period in late 1863: Billy Goat Hill, where Union General William T. Sherman camped before the Battle of Missionary Ridge; a portion of the Wauhatchie Battlefield; and multiple properties on Lookout Mountain, site of the famed "Battle Above the Clouds."

Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Priority Project List for Tennessee

Agency	State	Project	Amount	Delegation
NPS	TN	Obed Wild and Scenic River	\$962,000	Alexander, Corker/ Fleischmann
FS	TN	Tennessee Mountain Trails & Waters; Cherokee	\$850,000	Alexander, Corker/ Roe, Fleischmann
FLP	TN	Skinner Mountain Forest	\$5,665,000	Alexander, Corker/ Black
NPS	TN/MS	Shiloh National Military Park	\$1,000,000	Alexander, Corker/ Blackburn
NPS	KY/TN	Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area	\$398,000	Alexander, Corker/ Fleischmann, Black
NPS	NC/SC/ TN/VA	Overmountain Victory National Historical Trail	\$185,000	Alexander, Corker/ Roe

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, Tennessee'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

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