



LWCF in North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA DEPENDS ON THE LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION FUND

HELP PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA'S TREASURED LANDS, CLEAN WATER AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY SUPPORTING FULL, DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.

LWCF Funded Units in North Carolina

Federal Program

Alligator River NWR
Blue Ridge Parkway
Cape Hatteras NS
Cape Lookout NS
Carl Sandburg Home
NHS
Croatan NF
Currituck NWR
Fort Raleigh NHS
Great Dismal Swamp
NWR
Guilford Courthouse
NMP
Nantahala NF
Pisgah NF
Roanake River NWR
Uwharrie NF
*Blue Ridge Parkway



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LWCF Success in North Carolina

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has helped protect some of North Carolina's most treasured places. North Carolina has received approximately \$227 million over the past four decades, protecting places such as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

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.



Looking Glass Falls in the Pisgah National Forest

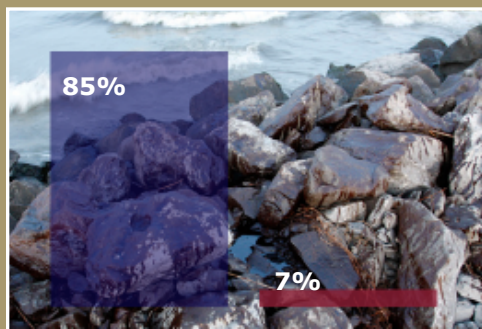
Economic Benefits

Active outdoor recreation is an important part of the North Carolina economy. The Outdoor Industry Association has found that active outdoor recreation contributes more than \$7.5 billion annually to the state's economy, supports 95,000 jobs across North Carolina, generates \$430 million in annual state tax revenue and produces \$6.1 billion annually in retail sales and services across North Carolina. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that each year over 3.4 million people participated in hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in North Carolina contributing \$2.7 billion to the state economy. With full LWCF funding, North Carolina's outdoor recreation economy will stay strong and continue to create sustainable long-term economic growth.

*Chattooga WSR	
*Great Smoky Mountains NP	
Approximate Federal Total	\$151,000,000
State Program Approximate Total	\$ 76,000,000
Stateside Grants	
Approximate Total Federal and State	\$227,000,000

*Multi-state project

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■ More important ■ Less important

Given the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, would you say that it is more important or less important that these funds from offshore oil and gas drilling be used to protect our forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, beaches and wildlife habitat?

National telephone survey conducted May 11-13, 2010 by the bipartisan research team of Public Opinion Strategies and FM3.



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General LWCF Information

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is based on a simple idea: that a portion of offshore drilling fees should be used to protect important land and water for all Americans. However, 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. Even with the fraction of authorized funding that's been available, however, LWCF has had positive conservation and recreation impacts throughout our country. Now is the time for Congress to keep the promise of LWCF by passing legislation to ensure full and dedicated funding of \$900 million each year.

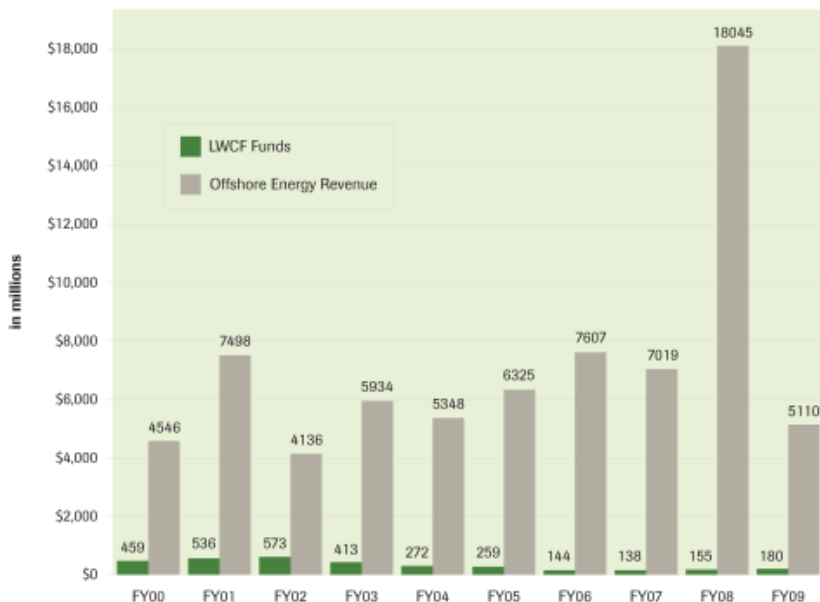
Recent polling found that voters think this is more important than ever in the light of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. A May 2010 public opinion survey found:

- 86% of Americans are supportive of funds from offshore drilling fees going towards the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- A nearly equal number of voters view the LWCF as more important in light of the recent Gulf oil spill. A striking 85 percent say that it is more important today that funds “from offshore oil and gas drilling be used to protect our forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, beaches and wildlife habitat.”
- More than three-quarters – 77 percent – support funding LWCF at \$900 million a year.

LWCF investments protect clean drinking water supplies, support jobs and local economies, reduce fire-fighting costs, and conserve our common heritage and natural areas for wildlife, recreation, and for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

If permanently funded at the authorized level of \$900 million a year, the LWCF will help ensure our quality of life, from the water we drink to our enjoyment of the great outdoors. The LWCF Coalition, a collection of conservation, recreation and sportsmen's groups working together to meet America's conservation and recreation needs for the 21st Century, strongly supports legislation for full and dedicated funding of LWCF, including the Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2009 (S.2747).

LWCF Funds and Offshore Energy Revenue FY00-FY09



In 2009, the Department of the Interior collected \$5 billion from offshore energy production, but only \$180 million, or about three percent of that revenue, was set aside to protect America's land and water.

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