



America's most important conservation and recreation program will expire in less than a year unless Congress acts. For 52 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected national parks and open spaces in every corner of the United States. But in less than 52 weeks, it could be gone forever and along with it, future protection of the places we love.

The time to act is now.

Save America’s Most Precious Resources: Our Land, Our Water & Our History

LWCF is America’s most important tool for meeting communities’ conservation and recreation needs, from iconic national parks and wildlife refuges, to sacred battlefields and historic sites, to working forests and critical habitat, to neighborhood playgrounds and recreation facilities.

LWCF does all this without using any taxpayer dollars – it is funded with revenues paid to the government from offshore oil and gas drilling. This is a critical investment not only in our quality of life, but in American jobs. Outdoor recreation, conservation and historic preservation activities contribute more than a trillion dollars annually to the U.S. economy, supporting 9.4 million jobs.

LWCF has always been a bipartisan vision, and as a result we now have the most extensive network of open spaces in the world to camp, hunt, fish, hike, swim, and play. Our nation’s unique history and culture are available for our children and grandchildren to experience and enjoy. But there is much history still to preserve and our public lands remain unfinished, vulnerable to loss and development that block access and ruin the visitor experience.



Unlike many issues in Congress, LWCF brings people together and enjoys strong bipartisan support. Using offshore energy revenues to provide more access to public lands is something the vast majority of Americans want. Lack of access is the number one reason hunters stop hunting. Trails remain unconnected. Forests as well as historic battlefields are being lost to suburban sprawl at an alarming rate. LWCF investments made every year in every part of the country are the answer to these issues, but they require certainty and consistency. Securing permanent funding and reauthorization for LWCF is one sure way we can work together to get good things done for everyone across the country.

The LWCF Coalition has launched the #SaveLWCF initiative to highlight the successes on the 52nd year of LWCF in 52 places in states and territories over the next year. We are spotlighting conservation and recreation success stories, drawing attention to LWCF’s looming expiration, and growing public support for Congress to act before America’s most important conservation and recreation program expires on September 30, 2018.

52 Years of Success. 52 Places to Spotlight. 52 Weeks to #SaveLWCF.



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