

#I Can See LWCF FROM MISSOURI



The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is America's premier federal program that reinvests offshore energy revenue into conservation to ensure that we all have access to the outdoors. Whether it is a local community park or playground, or the vast expanses of our federal public lands, Congress created the LWCF over a half-century ago to guarantee America's natural, historical and outdoor recreation heritage.

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Project Name/Unit: Sparta Court Soccer Field St. Louis, MO (ORLP urban parks program — local grant)

LWCF Contribution: \$450,000

Stakeholders Involved: St. Louis Co. Port Authority

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Urban parks, recreation access, public health

Short Description: Through a partnership with the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, a \$450,000 grant was recently awarded from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) to build a 1.2-acre soccer field in the City of Wellston, Missouri. "We're excited about our continued collaboration with the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, the City of Wellston and other partners on the addition of a 1.2-acre soccer field," says Mike Ward, Superintendent, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. "The soccer field will allow children in the area to have a safe place to play outdoors in an area that is underserved by parks and open space, and it will provide an opportunity for the community to come together to be involved in an organized sport where none currently exists." ORLP is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The ORLP program, administered by the National Park Service, seeks to identify and highlight new ways of providing opportunities for expanding outdoor play in areas with great need, as well as promoting the development of new or enhanced partnerships for outdoor recreation in urban communities across the nation.

Project Name/Unit: LaBarque Creek Forest Legacy Project (Forest Legacy Program — state grant)

LWCF Contribution: \$2,000,000

Stakeholders Involved: Missouri Department of Conservation

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Recreation access, development pressure, working forest, drinking water

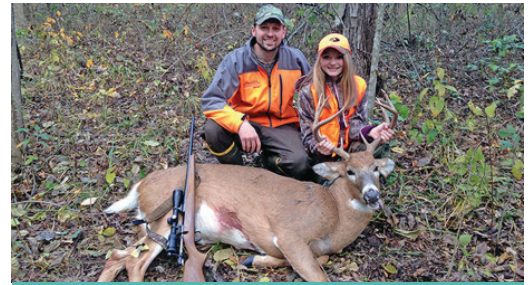
Short Description: Located at the edge of suburban St. Louis, the land around LaBarque Creek was experiencing rapid development and conversion of forest land to nonforest. This project used \$2 million in FLP funding, which was matched by \$2.76 million in funding from other, non-federal sources, to protect 583 acres of forest. There are three public drinking water supply intakes on the Meramec River downstream from LaBarque Creek, which serve over 200,000 people. Excellent water quality in LaBarque Creek helps ensure clean drinking water for metro St. Louis. This project helped to ensure sound, sustainable timber management by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The tracts had previously been privately owned and did not allow for public access. Upon purchase they became part of LaBarque Creek State Forest, which is open to the public. Due to their proximity to the 2.8 million residents of the St. Louis metro area, public lands in the area are in high demand for recreational activities. The addition of these tracts helped meet that demand.

Project Name/Unit: Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

LWCF Contribution: \$5.8 million

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Recreation access, habitat conservation

Short Description: The Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge was created in September of 1994 for the development, advancement, management, conservation and protection of fish and wildlife resources. There has been \$5.8 million in LWCF investment at Big Muddy NFWR, guaranteeing recreation access for locals and tourists alike.



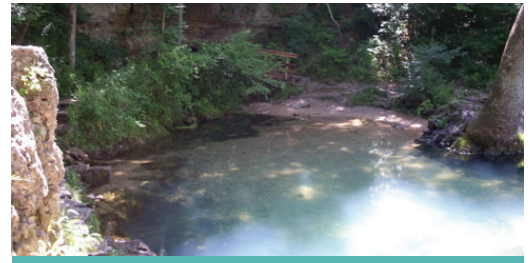
Hunting at Big Muddy NFWR
Credit: USFWS

Project Name/Unit: Mark Twain National Forest (U.S. Forest Service)

LWCF Contribution: \$13 million

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Habitat conservation, recreation access

Short Description: Encompassing 1.5 million acres in 29 counties in Missouri, Mark Twain National Forest has received over \$13 million in LWCF funding. It has a wide range of popular recreation opportunities such as 750 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and motorized use, and more than 350 miles of perennial streams, great for paddling.



Blue Spring, Mark Twain NF
Credit: USFS

Project Name/Unit: Karst-dependent species (Sec. 6 RLA Habitat Conservation grant — state grant program)

LWCF Contribution: \$534,750

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Recreation access, habitat conservation

Short Description: Recovery and Protection for Karst Dependent Federally-Listed Species in Missouri (gray bat, Ozark cavefish, and Missouri bladderpod). The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund provides funding to states and territories for species and habitat conservation on non-federal lands; local partners match at least 25 percent of project costs. Recovery Land Acquisition (RLA) grants provide states and landowners an opportunity to protect habitat essential to listed species as a problem-solving alternative to the regulatory process; grant funds are matched by states and non-federal entities to acquire these habitats from willing sellers in support of approved species recovery plans.

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