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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: Moose Mountain Forest Legacy Project in Middleton, Brookfield, New Durham, Alton, NH (nearby to Dover) (Forest Legacy Program — state grant)

LWCF Contribution: \$988,000

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

Short Description: The Moose Mountain project contains 1 2,189-acre tract of forestland that has been primarily managed for forestry. The property is heavily used for outdoor recreation, has diverse wildlife habitat, and is a dominant scenic feature in the region's landscape. The scenic, recreation and timber resources on these tracts are highly threatened by development pressures from the seacoast. The donation of a conservation easement, held by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, on the 129-acre Meaderboro Tract will serve as a portion of the cost share for the project.

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

LWCF Contribution: \$1,500,000

Stakeholders Involved: The Nature Conservancy

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Right of way access, finishing our parks/trails

Short Description: In 2003, the refuge acquired an additional 33 acres on Fabyan Point in fee title from a willing seller. Fabyan Point is a spit of land on Great Bay located south of the main portion of the refuge. The parcel was bought by the Service using Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) which is a funding source appropriated annually by Congress that comes from a variety of revenue sources rather than general tax revenues. This acquisition included a right-of-way access in common with others on Fabyan Point Road off of McIntyre Road.



Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Credit: USFWS

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

LWCF Contribution: \$22.2 million

Stakeholders Involved: Appalachian Mountain Club, NH Audubon, The Trust for Public Land

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

Short Description: Kayakers, canoeists, and anglers explore numerous coves and bays on Lake Umbagog and dozens of rivers, streams, and lesser ponds that surround the lake. Hunters, hikers, nature photographers, and wildlife watchers all find extensive opportunities in the refuge's remote expanses. The Umbagog Refuge is a well-known and sought-after fishing area that offers anglers the opportunity to fish for warm water species such as smallmouth bass, brown bullheads, perch, and pickerel in Lake Umbagog and for cold water species, notably brook trout, in the feeder streams and surrounding ponds.



Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge
Credit: USFWS

Project Name/Unit: White Mountain National Forest (U.S. Forest Service)

LWCF Contribution: \$34 million

Stakeholders Involved: Appalachian Mountain Club, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests, The Trust for Public Land

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

Short Description: The White Mountain National Forest in eastern New Hampshire and western Maine ranges from hardwood forests to alpine peaks. There has been \$34 million in LWCF investment in White Mountain NF, increasing recreation access that will remain for generations.



White Mountain National Forest
Credit: USFS

Project Name/Unit: Beebe River Uplands Forest Legacy Project (Forest Legacy Program — State Grant)

LWCF Contribution: \$2.6 million

Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance): Recreation access, sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat, water resource protection

Short Description: The Beebe River Uplands Forest Legacy Project protected 6,372 acres of managed forests through acquisition of conservation easements on two Tracts. This iconic landscape has a deep history rooted in the timber industry, providing spruce for World War I airplanes. A distinct bowl encircled by mountains, the Project encompasses 32% of the Beebe River watershed. Tract 1 has a 6.5 mile common boundary with the White Mountain National Forest, linking the Project to over 700,000 acres of public lands. Tract 2 hosts nationally known trails that connect over 150 miles of public hiking access. This region is targeted for protection by the Joint Chief's Program of the USDA Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the USDA Forest Service' Forests to Faucets Report for New Hampshire's Drinking Water Improvement through conservation of healthy forests, habitat, watersheds and water quality. The Beebe River Uplands' exceptional water quality spawns native brook trout. The Tracts will be managed for sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat and water resource protection, ensuring public access.

Project Name/Unit: Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) (includes CT, MA, VT, NH)

LWCF Contribution: \$33.6 million

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

Short Description: This four state refuge encompasses the entire Connecticut River watershed, the longest river in New England. The refuge contains a wide variety of plant and animal diversity, with a particular focus on protecting habitat that benefits migratory fish, including the only freshwater fish in New England on the endangered species list, the shortnose sturgeon. Since 1998, more than \$33.6 million in LWCF funding has protected freshwater fisheries and clean air and water within the refuge.



Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
Credit: USFWS

Project Name/Unit: Appalachian National Scenic Trail (NPS, USFS)

LWCF Contribution: \$10,889,000 across the entire trail, \$5,001,000 in NH

Stakeholders Involved: Trust for Public Land

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

Short Description: The “granddaddy” of the National Trails System is the Appalachian National Scenic Trail envisioned by Benton MacKaye in the 1920s and 1930s and stretching 2,180 miles from Georgia to Maine. The Appalachian Trail (AT) is a centerpiece of conservation efforts throughout the East. Acting as a spine that connects large tracts of forests, wilderness and more developed parkland, it traverses 14 states, runs through 88 counties, connects more than 75 public land units (federal, state and local) and has upward of 2.5 million visitors each year. The trail is managed and maintained by volunteers, providing substantial cost savings to federal agencies. To date, LWCF has helped protect nearly 200,000 acres of the highest valued lands within the Appalachian Trail corridor, from the birthplace of the AT in New York’s Bear Mountain State Park, to Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, up the Blue Ridge Parkway to George Washington National Forest in Virginia and beyond. Recent trail protection projects at Crocker Mountain in Maine and Rocky Fork in Tennessee were funded in part through LWCF. Future projects are targeted in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Vermont to protect the remaining unprotected miles of trail and lands along its corridor.

In New Hampshire, given the proximity of Hanover to the Appalachian Trail, the National Park Service identified the Greensboro Farm and Forest project area as a high priority for acquisition. In fiscal year 2015, Congress allocated LWCF funding to the NPS for the purchase of a 173-acre property that will protect a scenic viewshed, ensure access to two side trails and conserve wildlife habitat along two miles of the Trail. Home to Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the Town of Hanover is quickly being converted from rural agricultural/forested lands to subdivisions and sprawl. Protection of the A.T. corridor in Hanover—a newly designated “A.T. Community”—will be enhanced by protecting these 173 acres that lie along the AT corridor. The Trust for Public Land and the Town of Hanover are also working to protect an adjacent 254 acres that will become municipal conservation land complementing the federal investment with local conservation funding. The Town strongly supports the NPS acquisition as part of a comprehensive strategy outlined in its Open Space Plan. The Greensboro Farm and Forest A.T. focus area in Hanover includes Mink Brook, a tributary to the Connecticut River—a nationally recognized riverway that is our nation’s only designated National Blueway—and several pristine wetland complexes. The project will also support water quality of the Hanover Water Company lands, which is the drinking water supply for the Town of Hanover and Dartmouth College. Additionally, approximately 30 acres of open fields will be maintained for farming through the NPS agricultural leasing program. Restoring these fields to active farming will help maintain the working lands history of this part of the Connecticut River Valley and can be a source of locally grown food close to the bustling community of Hanover. Finally, the trail system on the property is a recreation destination for the 20,000 people who work at college, hospital, and businesses located within two miles of the property. These trails allow for a short walk at lunch or an extended loop that includes part of the A.T.



A child walking in the meadow at Hudson Farm in Hanover, NH
Credit: Mim Adkins, TPL

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