

# #I Can See LWCF FROM WASHINGTON DC



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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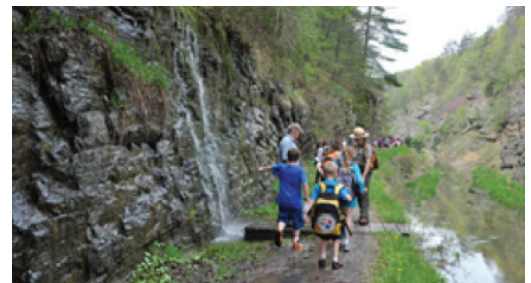
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### **Project Name/Unit:** Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal National Historical Park (NPS)

**LWCF Contribution:** \$44 million

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** recreation access, historic preservation

**Short Description:** Stretching from Georgetown to Cumberland, Maryland, the C&O Canal is a critical outdoor educational and recreational resource for residents of the D.C. metro area. It spans over 180 miles and tells the story of our nation's history of transportation, engineering, the Civil War, immigration, industry, and commerce. Today, residents of one of the densest areas of the country can enjoy hiking trails, kayaking and canoeing, biking paths, and beautiful views from the iconic Billy Goat Trail. There has been over \$44 million in LWCF funds invested in the C&O Canal – continuing to provide historic and recreational opportunities in Washington.



Students on a field trip at the Paw Paw Tunnel  
Credit: NPS

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### **Project Name/Unit:** Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens (NPS)

**LWCF Contribution:** \$2.4 million to National Capital Parks

**Stakeholders Involved:** Capital Parks

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** recreation access, urban parks, climate change mitigation, water quality protection

**Short Description:** Visitors and residents of Washington, D.C. experience the natural habitat of the area at the beautifully preserved Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. This wetland helps mitigate pollution, reduces flood damage, and alleviates risks from climate change. As part of the National Capital Parks East, this park which has hiking trails, boardwalks, and comprehensive environmental education resources, has received a portion of the \$2.5 million of LWCF awarded to the District's network of parks. In addition to many events over the year, members of the D.C. Garden Club plant thousands of lotus each spring, a one-of-a-kind spectacle that draws visitors from across town and around the world.



Annual lotus and lily festival  
Credit: NPS

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**Project Name/Unit: Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS) (Virginia)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$18.3 million

**Stakeholders Involved:** Chesapeake Conservancy

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** recreation access, habitat conservation, water resource protection

**Short Description:** Established in 1996, the Rappahannock River Valley NWR is still less than halfway toward its goal of protecting 20,000 acres of habitat vital to the American bald eagle, American black duck, and numerous other species that are conservation priorities. It is also a place where in 1608 English explorer John Smith first encountered the Rappahannock Tribe, whose legacy remains largely unresearched along the river that bears their name. Over 20+ years, a \$18m investment from LWCF has protected nearly 6,000 acres along the Rappahannock, with many areas open to fishing, hunting, environmental education, and wildlife observation.



Fones Cliff, Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
Credit: Chesapeake Conservancy

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**Project Name/Unit: Captain John Smith National Historic Trail (Virginia, Maryland) (NPS)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$4 million

**Stakeholders Involved:** Chesapeake Conservancy

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** recreation access, historic preservation, trail completion

**Short Description:** The Chesapeake Trail, America's first national water trail, traces the explorer's route through coastal VA and MD, and up the Nanticoke River into DE. Werowocomoco is an internationally significant cultural and archeological site on the York River, believed to have been a place of leadership and spiritual importance to American Indians as early as circa AD 1200. At Werowocomoco, Powhatan, the leader of many Algonquian tribes, lived and subsequently met on several occasions with Captain John Smith in 1607 in the earliest recorded meetings between a Native leader and the English. In partnership with The Conservation Fund, Chesapeake Conservancy, and others, LWCF funds purchased 264 acres of land in Gloucester County, Virginia, encompassing this historic site as part of the Chesapeake Trail.



Werowocomoco  
Credit: Matt Rath

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**Project Name/Unit: Piscataway Park (NPS)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$12 million

**Stakeholders Involved:** The Trust for Public Land

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** Recreation access, historic preservation, development pressure

**Short Description:** The view across the Potomac from Mount Vernon was first targeted for protection as a pilot project to protect parklands from suburban sprawl. Piscataway Park was conceived in 1952 to preserve the river view as it existed during George Washington's day. Since that time, numerous organizations have joined in partnership with the NPS to ensure the protection of the historic viewshed. Federal LWCF funding provided to Piscataway Park has allowed the NPS, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, private conservation groups, willing landowners, and other partners, to protect 232 acres of critical shoreline since 1995. Other area properties have been protected but several remain vulnerable to development or other view-spoiling uses.



Visitors fish from a long pier on the Potomac River in Piscataway National Park  
Credit: Trust for Public Land

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