

# #I Can See LWCF FROM WISCONSIN



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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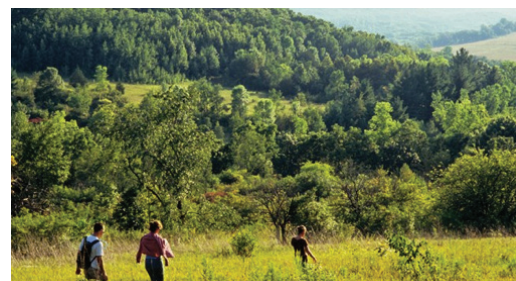
### **Project Name/Unit:** Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NPS)

**LWCF Contribution:** \$18.5 million

**Stakeholders Involved:** Ice Age Trail Alliance, Partnership for the National Trail System

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** Recreation access, consolidating maintenance, finishing our parks/trails

**Short Description:** The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a dynamic public/private partnership among the National Park Service, the State of Wisconsin, local governments, and the nonprofit Ice Age Trail Alliance. During the past decade over \$18 million of Land & Water Conservation Fund money has been matched by \$22 million of Wisconsin Stewardship Fund and local money to preserve 57 additional miles of the Ice Age Trail. This partnership is prepared to continue this important conservation work in America's heartland if LWCF money continues to be provided by Congress. There are still more than 500 miles of unmarked connecting routes linking the blazed segments that need to be protected in order to complete the Ice Age Trail, which is nearly half of the 1200 mile trail.



Ice Age NST  
Credit: NPS

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### **Project Name/Unit:** Wolf Wild and Scenic River (U.S. Forest Service)

**LWCF Contribution:** \$3 million

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

**Short Description:** A recreation hub, the Wolf Wild and Scenic River is a Wisconsin gem that provides river access for locals and visitors alike. There has been \$3 million invested in the river, guaranteeing it remains wild for generations. be done.



Wolf Wild and Scenic River  
Credit: Royalbroil

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### **Project Name/Unit:** Central Park, Madison (ORLP urban parks program — state grant)

**LWCF Contribution:** \$295,308

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

**Short Description:** Skate park Development through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program. 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.

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**Project Name/Unit: Brule-St. Croix Forest Legacy Project (Forest Legacy Program — state grant)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$3.7 million

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

**Short Description:** The 22,667-acre Brule-St. Croix Forest Legacy Project is within one of the best landscapes in North America to restore the globally rare Pine Barrens community. This easement will complete the Brule-St. Croix Legacy Forest, the largest conservation transaction ever undertaken by the State of Wisconsin. The State acquired the 44,679-acre Brule-St. Croix easement in 2012 using Wisconsin's Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund. This Project is located in the headwaters of the St. Croix National Scenic River and the Bois Brule River and ultimately protects water quality in Lake Superior and the Mississippi River. Brule-St. Croix Part 2 is a missing puzzle piece, linking 985,000 acres of existing conservation lands to create an expanse of more than one million protected acres. The project enhances public recreation opportunities across this landscape by providing the public with walk-in access to 22,667 acres, including a segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail, as well as motorized trail access. If left unprotected, the owner, a Timber Investment Management Organization, will subdivide and sell the site over the next 7-10 years to meet its fiduciary obligations to its investors.



Brule-St. Croix Forest Legacy Project  
Credit: USFS

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**Project Name/Unit: Chippewa Flowage Forest Legacy Project (Forest Legacy Program — state grant)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$4 million

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

**Short Description:** The Chippewa Flowage is Wisconsin's third largest inland body of water and a world — class fishery for muskellunge and walleye. Funding from the Forest Legacy Program, a program funded out of LWCF that assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands, purchased a conservation easement on over 18,000 acres of resource rich forest, connecting it to nearly one million acres of protected forest lands on either side of the Chippewa Flowage. This easement ensures unrestricted access to this Northwoods jewel and continued support for the local timber industry. This property delivers wood to 66 different customers in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, providing raw materials for products ranging from fuel pellets to high end veneer. Approximately 9,000 people are employed in the harvest and transportation of the forest products and in the mills that utilize wood from the greater Wisconsin Northwoods. This Property is popular for hunters in pursuit of deer, bear and grouse and provides diverse trapping opportunities. The Chippewa Flowage is one of the top fishing hot spots in Wisconsin. \$4 million in FLP funding for this project was matched by \$4.2 million in funding from other sources.

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**Project Name/Unit: Venison Creek and Moose Creek, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF (U.S. Forest Service)**

**LWCF Contribution:** Chequamegon-Nicolet NF has received a total of \$38.9 million

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** Recreation access, finishing our parks/trails, wildlife habitat

**Short Description:** The Venison Creek property consists of 1,150 acres along a tributary of the West Fork of the Chippewa River, located just east of Lake Chippewa in Sawyer County. Previously owned by a single large landowner, this critical inholding was surrounded on three sides by the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. This wooded property includes Fawn Lake and Venison Lake and three-quarters mile of frontage on Venison Creek. The mixture of forest and riparian areas make the property a haven for recreation as well as for wildlife, including important habitat for the bald eagle. Ideal for multi-season recreation, opportunities include hiking, camping, birding, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The Venison Creek property is within the territory of a known gray wolf pack. The Moose Lake property is a 1,040-acre contiguous tract, surrounded by the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The property and the national forest share a common eight-mile boundary. The tract includes two entire small lakes and 50 acres of wetlands. It is within the territory of a known gray wolf pack and is habitat for fisher and a variety of other game and non-game animals.

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**Project Name/Unit: Central Sands Pines Forest (Forest Legacy Program — state grant)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$3 million

**Keywords/Characteristics (eg. rec access, drinking water, consolidating maintenance):** Recreation and sportsmen access, productive forests

**Short Description:** This project used funding from the Forest Legacy Program, a program funded out of LWCF that assists states and private forest owners to maintain working forest lands, to purchase a conservation easement that protects over 7,500 acres of working forest in central Wisconsin. This property is popular for hunters in pursuit of deer, turkey and grouse and provides diverse trapping opportunities. Large blocks of open land like the Central Sands tract provide ample space for local hunters and to help support the influx of nonresident hunters. Under the terms of the conservation easement, this property will continue to produce forest products will stay in private hands and, creating local jobs and generating property taxes. Wisconsin is the number one state in the nation in forestry jobs, employing over 56,000 workers and providing over \$16 billion in economic value in wood and paper products.

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**Project Name/Unit: Kirtland's Warbler Habitat Conservation (Sec. 6 RLA Habitat Conservation grant — state grant program)**

**LWCF Contribution:** \$1.2 million

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

**Short Description:** Conserving critical Kirtland's Warbler habitat in FY12 and FY13. 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.

## **LWCF EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

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