



NRPA POLICY POSITION:

- Support the reauthorization of the LWCF, including full and permanent funding.
- Protect the interests of states and local communities by providing fair and equitable treatment for the State Assistance Program of no less than 40% guaranteed funding for formula grants to the states for active outdoor recreation. This is the same amount required by law to be allocated to the LWCF federal land acquisition program.
- In absence of authorizing legislation, exercise discretionary appropriations authority to allocate at least 40 percent of the total LWCF funding in FY16 to the State Assistance Program, with a dedicated amount being provided to the “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership” competitive grant initiative.

LWCF STATE ASSISTANCE AT WORK IN THE STATE

All data provided by National Park Service (NPS)

Total number of projects funded in state by LWCF State Assistance 1965–2014	Total funding provided to the state from LWCF State Assistance 1965–2013	2012 Unmet Need
1,447	\$163,097,356	\$24,300,000

The chart below shows how the state has fared in recent years and the impact to the state through a 40% allocation.

	Amount Appropriated to the State Assistance Program	State Apportionment	What state would have received with 40% allocation
FY13	\$39.9 million *	\$1,295,179	\$3,893,000
FY14	\$45 million **	\$1,332,859	\$3,899,000

LWCF appropriations totalled \$305.4 million in FY13 and \$305 million in FY14. *Source: www.doi.gov/budget/upload/LWCFRECEIPTS.xls*

* In FY 13, LWCF State Assistance was funded at \$42,138,000. However, the final amount apportioned to states was \$39,934,400 which reflected the mandatory spending cuts caused by “sequestration.”

** In FY14 LWCF State Assistance funding totaled \$45m, which included \$42m in formula grants to the states and \$3m in “competitive” grants.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY LWCF STATE ASSISTANCE:

Project	Recipient	Year	Amount
Rothman Acquisition	East Brandywine Township	2014	\$272,500
New Wilmington Community Park	Borough of New Wilmington	2014	\$250,000
Prydun Farm Land Acquisition	Whitehall Township	2014	\$117,300

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For more information about the impact of LWCF State Assistance in your state, visit <http://waso-lwcf.nrc.nps.gov/public/index.cfm>

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