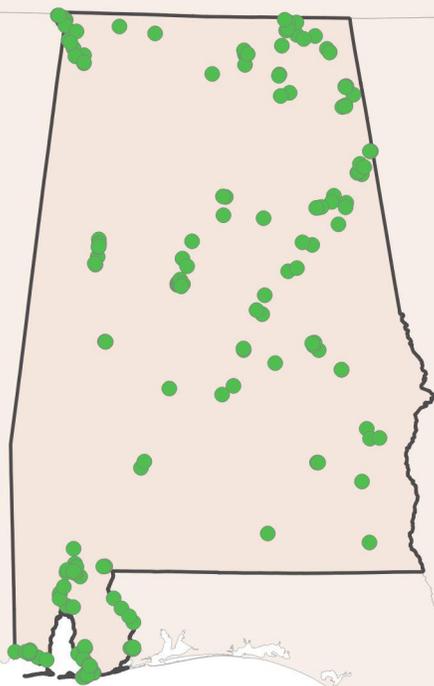




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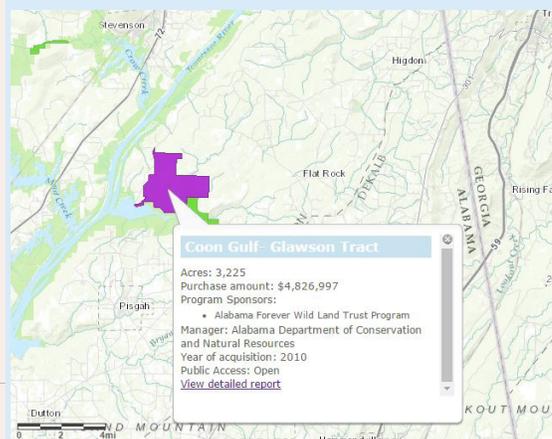
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



## State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Georgia	\$277,418,446	150,991
Tennessee	\$153,907,994	161,172
Alabama	\$147,691,721	144,749
Mississippi	\$24,531,541	26,341

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

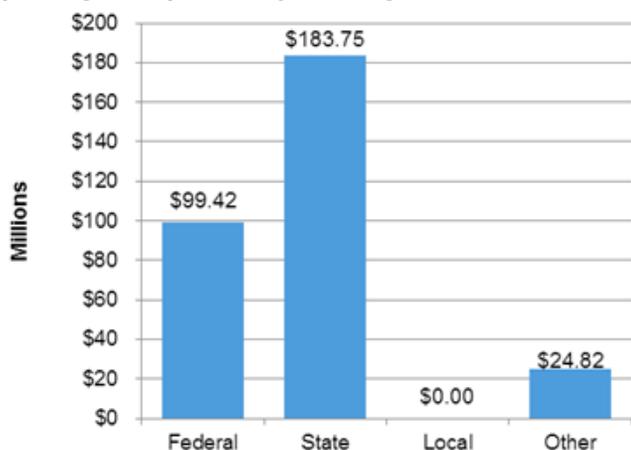


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Alabama*

## Conservation in Alabama

Since 1992, the Forever Wild Program has funded the purchase of land for conservation, recreation, and wildlife management in Alabama. A total of 295,285 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2015, and nearly \$291 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

## Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2015\*



## State Investment in Land Conservation

Alabama funds land conservation mainly with interest income on payments from offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling, and with revenue from license plate sales.

- Forever Wild Land Trust - funded by a portion of interest income from the Alabama Trust Fund and by revenue from Forever Wild license plate sales.
  - The Trust Fund receives payments from offshore gas exploration and drilling (up to \$15 million annually). A constitutional amendment passed in 1992 directs 10 percent of interest income from the Alabama Trust Fund for conservation, recreation, and wildlife management purposes.
  - Voters extended the program for 20 years in 2012.

## Local Investment

Local governments in Alabama typically fund land acquisition for parks and open space with general fund allocations to capital improvement budgets. Municipalities and counties are authorized to issue bonds for land acquisition. Public approval is not necessarily required. No instances of bonds being issued specifically for land conservation purposes are known.

## Federal Investment

The following federal programs and agencies have contributed funds and conserved land in Alabama:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- NOAA - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- U.S. Department of Defense - Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service
  - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
  - LWCF Federal
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Stateside

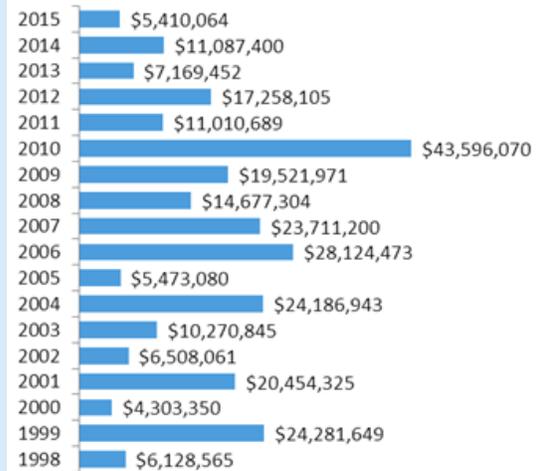
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 66 percent of acres, 72 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current as of October 2016.

\*Statistics are generated using data collected for and included in the Conservation Almanac. Almanac data collection efforts focus on land conserved using public dollars: contributions funded by private and non-governmental organizations may not be comprehensive.

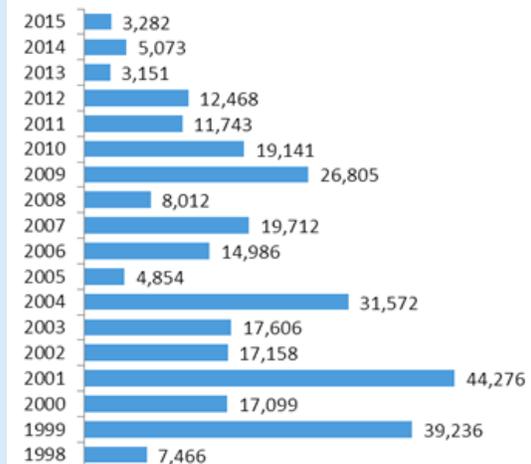
## Conservation Snapshot

The tables below provide a snapshot look at land conservation activity through the most common available metrics: public dollars spent and acres conserved. These charts omit parcels not classified as fee simple purchases or conservation easements.

Public Dollars Spent Annually for Conservation, 1998-2015\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2015\*



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## THE CONSERVATION ALMANAC

A comprehensive database of land conservation and conservation funding in America, the Conservation Almanac provides a context for assessing impacts of conservation and the growing conservation finance movement. The Almanac offers information on public dollars spent and acres conserved, details on local, state, and federal conservation programs, and provides geospatial mapping of conserved land.