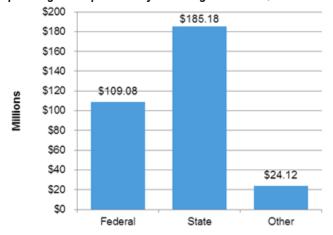


# state highlights in conservation: Alaska

## **Conservation in Alaska**

Following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Exxon agreed to a \$900 million settlement to be paid over 10 years, with 60 percent of that dedicated to habitat protection in the spill region. A total of 656,770 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2013. Over \$280.7 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection in

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



the same period.

## **State Investment in Land Conservation**

The main source of state funding for land conservation in Alaska is settlement funds from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound.

- Alaska Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration and Habitat Protection Program - allocated nearly 60 percent of \$900 million civil settlement resulting from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill to habitat protection in the spill region. Initially funded land acquisition, now funds research/monitoring of sites and acquisition of large (1000+ acre) parcels.
- This program alone enabled conservation of over 260,000 acres in Alaska since 1998

#### Local Investment

Local governments have made an effort to use general obligation bonds to conserve parkland. In 1995, Anchorage voters passed a bond for parks and capital improvements that included nearly \$1 million for conservation. Since then, six additional bond measures for land conservation went before voters, including four in Anchorage, but none passed.

### **Federal Investment**

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

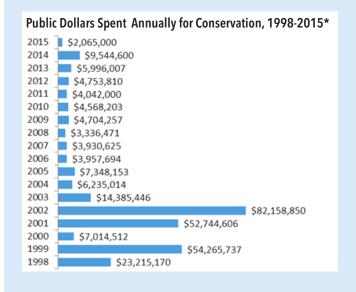
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management LWCF Federal
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- U.S. National Park Service
  - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

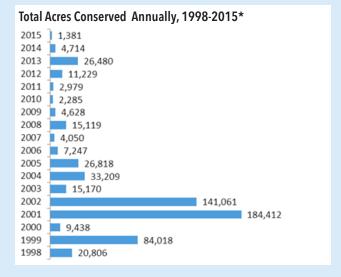
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 22 percent of acres, 22 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current as of October 2016.

\*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.







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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.