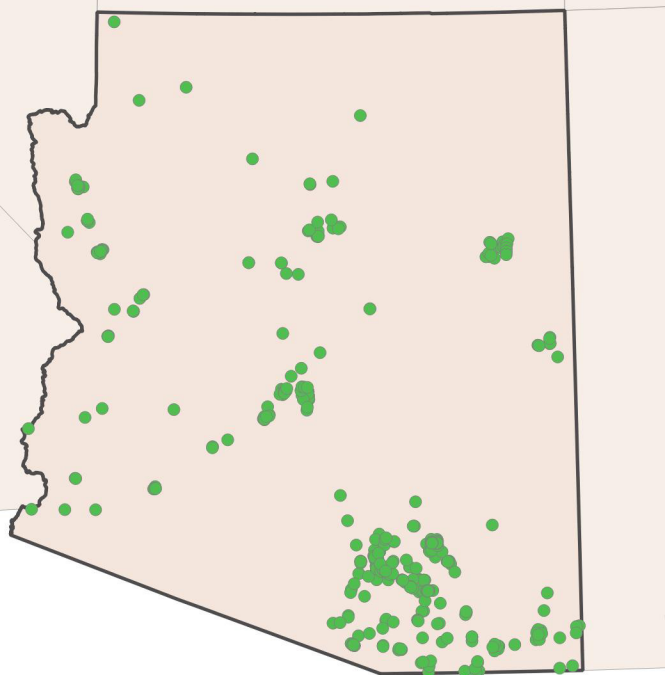




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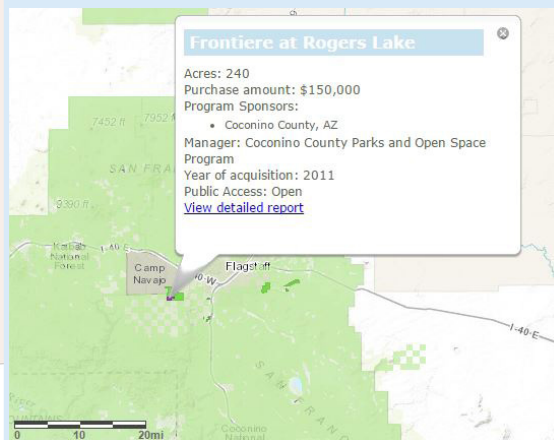
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



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

State	Dollars	Acres
Colorado	\$451,317,401	420,971
Arizona	\$254,518,667	41,089
New Mexico	\$29,498,197	17,288
Utah	\$21,010,608	3,640

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

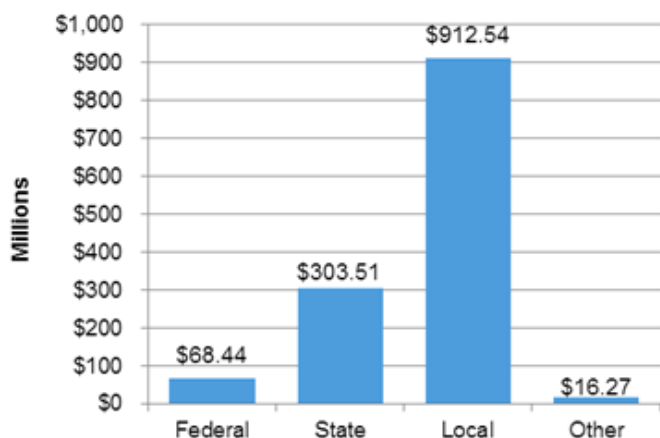


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Arizona*

## Conservation in Arizona

Created by voter initiative in 1990, the Arizona Heritage Fund designates lottery proceeds for wildlife habitat protection and natural areas conservation through Arizona State Parks and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Though the State Parks portion was redirected to the general fund starting in 2010, Game and Fish continues to receive \$10 million each

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



fiscal year. A total of 249,638 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2013, and over \$1.288 billion was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

## State Investment in Land Conservation

Arizona funds land conservation mainly with lottery proceeds.

- Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grants Program - approved by voters in 1998, received \$20 million in annual appropriations for 11 years, beginning in 2001. Awards 50/50 grants to conserve land in or around urban areas.
- Arizona Heritage Fund - created via voter initiative in 1990, funded by lottery proceeds. Offers competitive grants for natural areas and wildlife habitat conservation.
  - 2010 Budget Reconciliation Bill HB2012 redirected State Parks portion to the General Fund, repealed State Parks Heritage Fund
  - The Game and Fish Department continues to receive \$10 million annually

## Local Investment

With voter approval, counties and municipalities in Arizona may fund land acquisition for parks and open space using general obligation bonds, property taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes, and through special districts authorized to levy taxes and issue bonds.

Since 1999, Arizona voters have approved 21 bond and sales tax measures for conservation in 10 municipalities and three counties. Phoenix and Flagstaff voters have shown strong support, passing four measures each.

## Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
  - Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act
  - LWCF Federal
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Federal

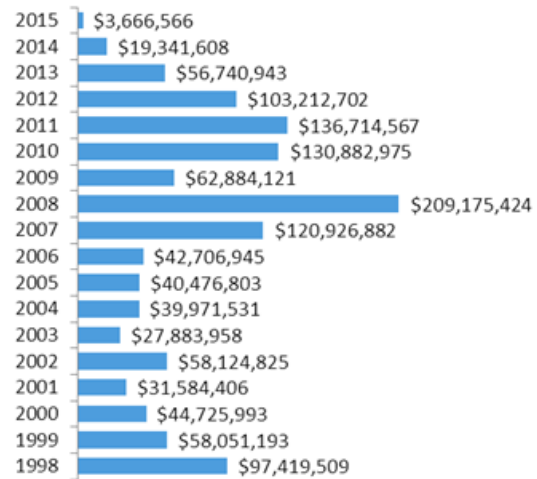
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 76 percent of acres, 50 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current through October 2016.

\*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.

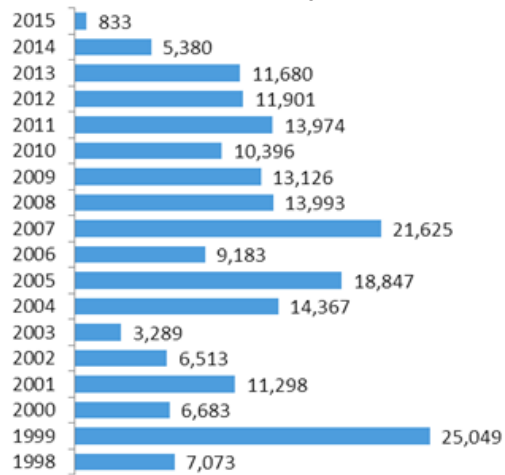
## Conservation Snapshot

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.