



CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Tennessee	\$127,601,270	147,336
Arkansas	\$55,064,566	78,660
Missouri	\$49,160,428	40,750
Oklahoma	\$25,019,456	40,181

Example Almanac Parcel Map

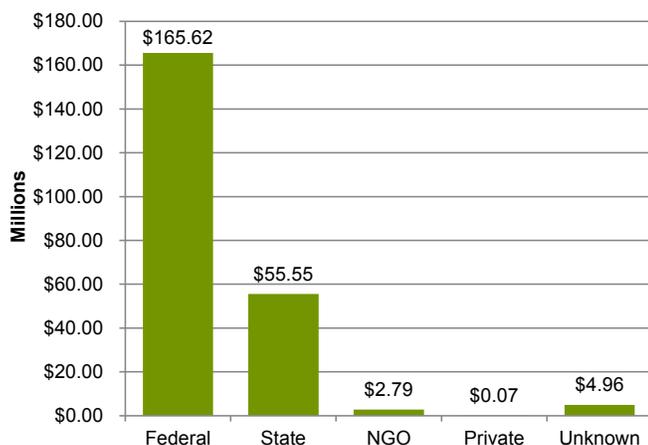


STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Arkansas*

Conservation in Arkansas

Arkansas voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1996, increasing their state sales tax by 1/8th of one cent and directing the revenue to land conservation activities at various programs. From 1998-2011, a total of 387,597 acres were conserved in the state, and nearly \$229 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2011*



State Investment in Land Conservation

Arkansas funds conservation mainly with proceeds from the real estate transfer tax and state sales tax.

- Amendment 75 (1996) – voter-approved constitutional amendment increased state sales tax 1/8th of one cent, designating revenue to various programs for conservation.
 - Game and Fish Commission, State Parks each receive 45% of revenue the sales tax for land acquisition for recreation, open space and habitat.
 - Natural Heritage Commission receives 9% of funds from sales tax for historic preservation and education.
- Natural and Cultural Resources Council manages 80 percent of funds generated through the real estate transfer tax (\$2.20/\$1000 assessed value).
- Transfer tax for conservation rate raised twice: 1987 and 1993.

Local Investment

Arkansas authorizes counties and municipalities to issue general obligation bonds and levy sales and use taxes to conserve land for parks and open space.

Voters in Rogers approved a \$9.1 million bond for park and recreational improvements in 2003. The bond included \$2 million for conservation and passed with 79 percent approval. In Hot Springs, voters twice turned down measures for parks and open space: a 1992 bond and 2003 sales tax both failed at the ballot.

Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - LWCF Federal
 - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. National Park Service
 - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Forest Service - LWCF Federal

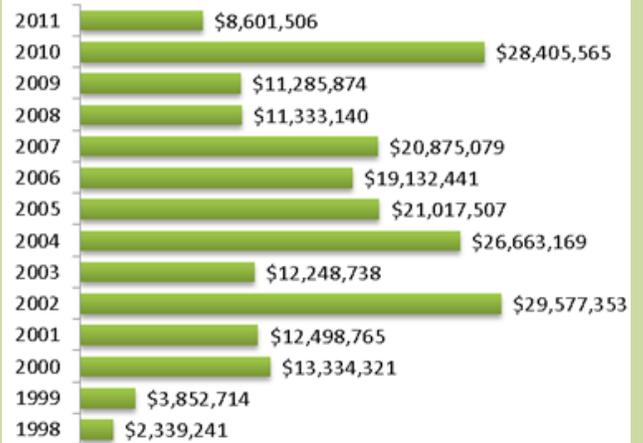
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Arkansas we have mapped 10 percent of acres and 18 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

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. Data current as of September 2014.

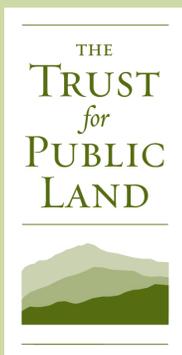
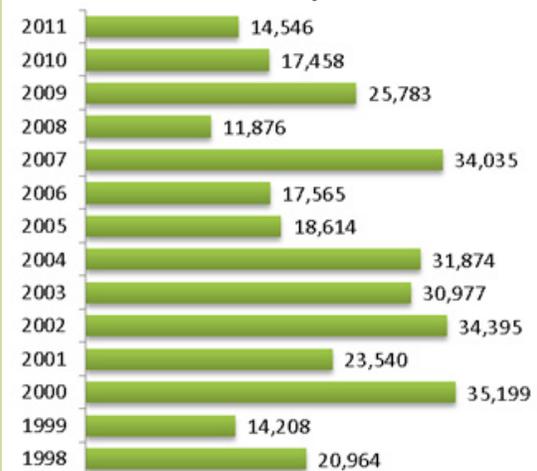
Conservation Snapshot

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, 1998-2011*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2011*



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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.