



CONSERVATION ALMANAC

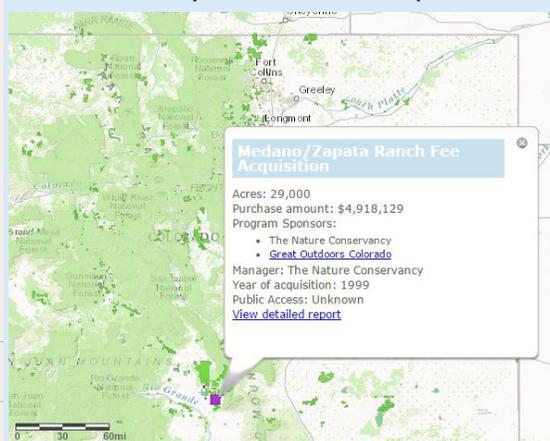
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Colorado	\$451,317,401	420,971
New Mexico	\$29,498,197	17,288
Utah	\$21,010,608	3,640
Kansas	\$7,561,409	6,069



Example Almanac Parcel Map

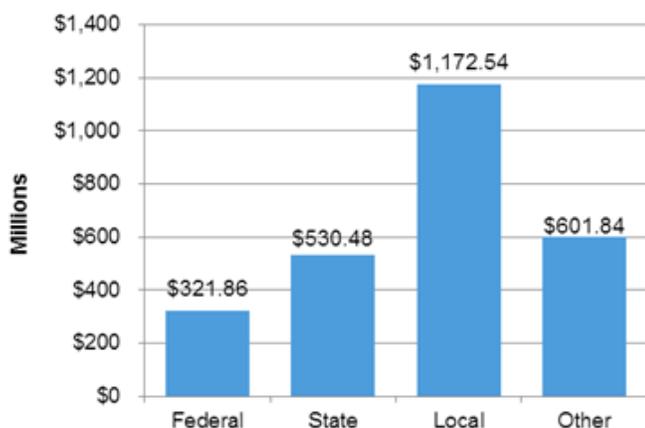


STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Colorado*

Conservation in Colorado

In 1992, Colorado voters approved the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) amendment to the state constitution, creating the GOCO Trust Fund. GOCO receives a portion of lottery proceeds for land conservation; first grants were awarded in 1994. From 1998-2013 a total of 1,520,033 acres were conserved in the state and nearly \$2.399 billion was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

Lottery proceeds are the major source of funding for state land conservation programs in Colorado.

- Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund - approved by voters in 1992. Earmarks lottery proceeds for conservation/distributes funds for:
 - Wildlife resources and outdoor recreation
 - Competitive/matching grants to state agencies, local governments, non-profits for open space and natural areas
 - Other grant programs fund local government grants, open space grants, and programs in the Division of Parks and Wildlife.
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - Formed by a merger State Parks and Division of Wildlife (2011). Supports state wildlife resources, state parks system and outdoor recreation opportunities. Funded mainly by license/wildlife fees and lottery/GOCO.
- Conservation Easement Tax Credit Program
 - Began in 2000. Provides state tax credit worth 50% of conservation easement value (\$375,000 max) for donated qualified easements. Credits may be carried forward for up to 20 years.

Local Investment

Counties and municipalities in Colorado are authorized to fund land acquisition using discretionary annual spending, dedicated funding streams, and debt financing. Property/sales and use taxes, general obligation/revenue bonds are common.

In 2007, the Governor signed into law the Open Space Sales Tax Exemption, enabling counties to fund open space programs through a voter-approved sales and use tax.

Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
 - LWCF Federal
- U.S. Department of Defense - Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service
 - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - LWCF Federal
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Federal

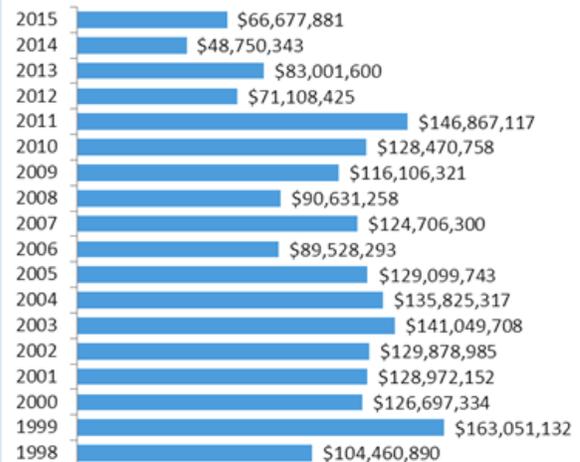
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 67 percent of acres, 75 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current through October 2016.

*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.

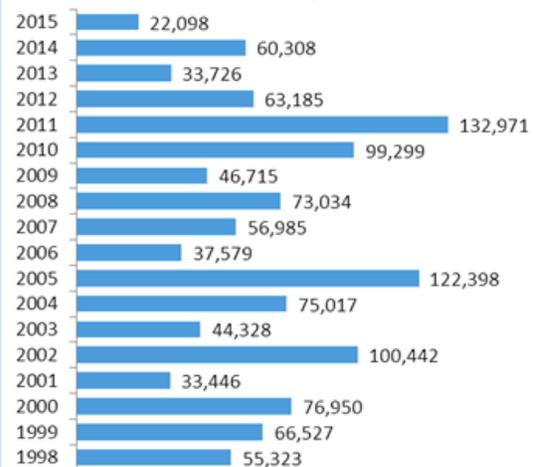
Conservation Snapshot

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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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.