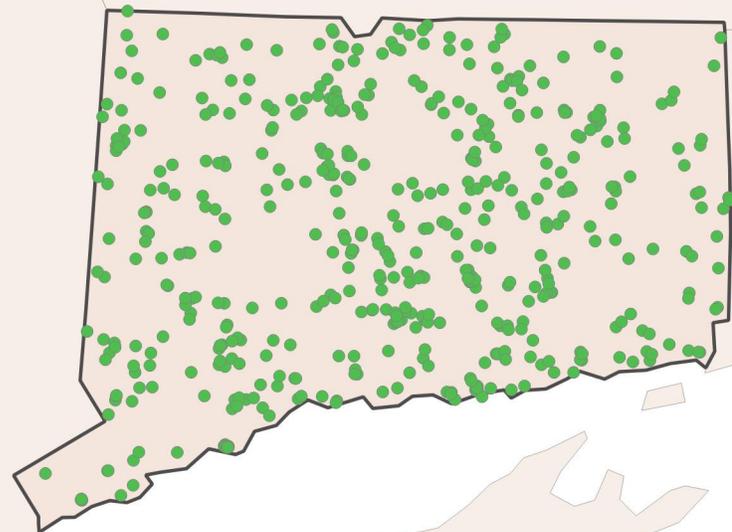




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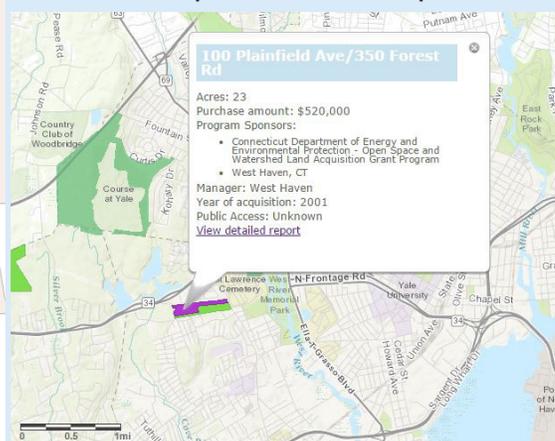
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



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

State	Dollars	Acres
New York	\$1,151,204,097	562,439
Massachusetts	\$446,879,064	121,558
Connecticut	\$335,529,244	52,092
Rhode Island	\$63,587,937	7,451

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

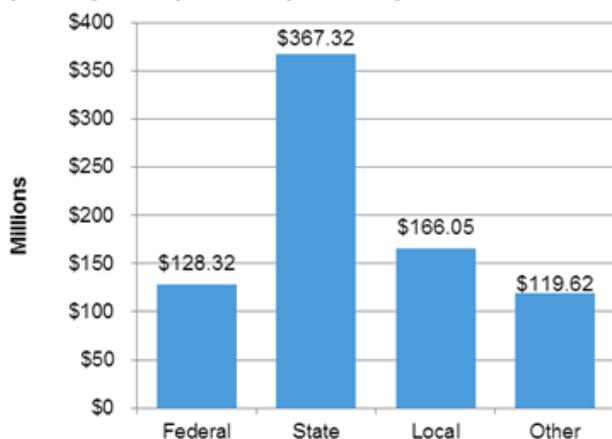


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Connecticut*

## Conservation in Connecticut

The Community Investment Act, passed in 2005, is a \$30 fee for recording all municipal land records documents in the state. Proceeds are distributed among state programs for historic preservation, affordable housing, and land conservation. A total of 93,458 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2015, and over \$607 million was invested in land

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



conservation and natural resource protection.

## State Investment in Land Conservation

Land conservation is funded with general obligation bonds and proceeds from the Community Investment Act (CIA), a statewide \$30 land records recording fee.

- Department of Agriculture
  - Farmland Preservation Program - agricultural easement program which began in 1978.
  - CIA Farmland - farmland preservation funded by a portion of the land records recording fee.
- Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
  - Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program (RNHT) - created in 1986 to expand the state's system of parks, forests, and natural areas (funded with bonds only).
  - Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) - helps municipalities and nonprofits acquire land for open space, recreation, and as wildlife habitat. CIA and bondfunded.

## Local Investment

Local governments use a variety of options to fund land conservation in Connecticut, including state general obligation bonds, state matching grant programs (e.g. OSWA, CIA), annual budget appropriations, annual mill rate allocations (e.g. 1 mill dedicated to open space), income from forestry products (e.g. timber) produced on municipal land, and in-lieu fees from developers.

Connecticut municipalities may incur general obligation debt of up to seven times their total annual tax collected. Each municipality is authorized to establish a land acquisition fund and may deposit an amount not exceeding the equivalent of a two mill property tax each year.

## Federal Investment

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

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
- U.S. Forest Service/ Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service/ LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)

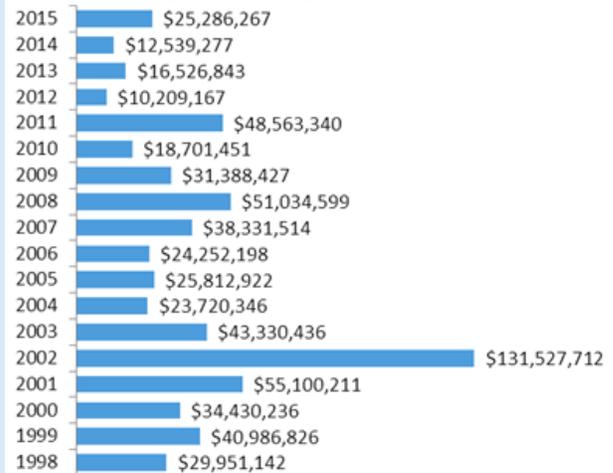
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 32 percent of acres, 43 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current as of October 2016.

\*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.

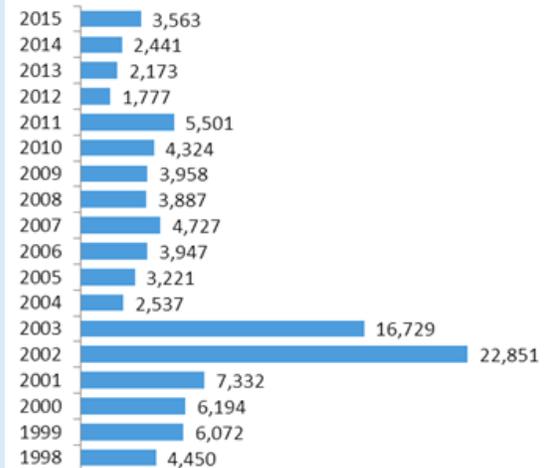
## Conservation Snapshot

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.