



# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

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

State	Dollars	Acres
Ohio	\$472,110,866	132,690
Wisconsin	\$345,139,810	217,556
Illinois	\$282,586,576	75,734
Indiana	\$112,369,148	111,273
Missouri	\$49,160,428	40,750

## Example Almanac Parcel Map



# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Illinois*

## Conservation in Illinois

The Illinois legislature and voters in support land conservation through the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program and other programs. A total of 239,524 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011, and over \$1.575 billion was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



## State Investment in Land Conservation

Illinois funds conservation using a dedicated real estate transfer tax, state appropriations, and a portion of license plate fees.

- Open Land Trust –provided grants for land acquisition and public open space expansion. Funded by state appropriations from 1999-2003. An additional \$25 million was appropriated for the program in 2009.
- Natural Areas Acquisition Fund – created by the General Assembly in 1989. Real estate transfer tax revenues fund acquisition, preservation and stewardship of natural areas.
- Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program –begun in 1986, provides matching grants toward outdoor recreation projects. Funded by a real estate transfer tax.
- Conservation 2000 –passed in 1995 by the state legislature. Funds nine programs across three state agencies, with a portion for land acquisition. Extended through 2021.

## Local Investment

Illinois authorizes municipalities, counties, conservation districts, and park districts to issue bonds, and to levy property and sales taxes for parks and open space.

Since 1992, voters approved 60 measures in 43 local jurisdictions throughout the state, authorizing over \$1.46 billion for land conservation.

## Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. National Park Service
  - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
- U.S. Forest Service
  - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
  - LWCF Federal

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Illinois we have mapped 52 percent of acres and 59 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.

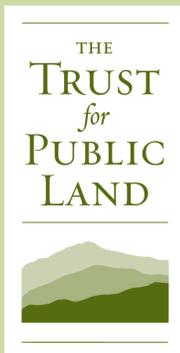
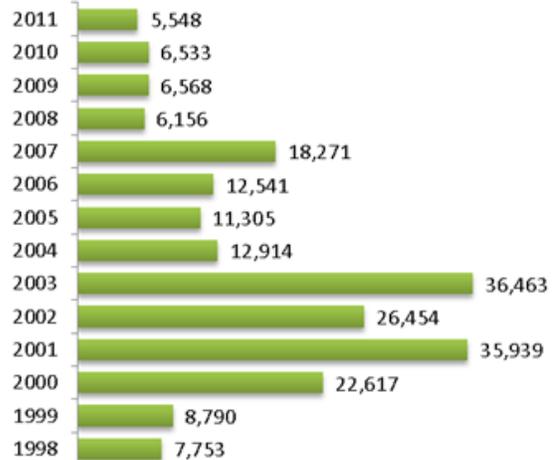
## Conservation Snapshot

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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## 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.