



CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Tennessee	\$127,601,270	147,336
Indiana	\$112,369,148	111,273
Kentucky	\$67,228,851	86,301
West Virginia	\$16,360,547	23,263

Example Almanac Parcel Map

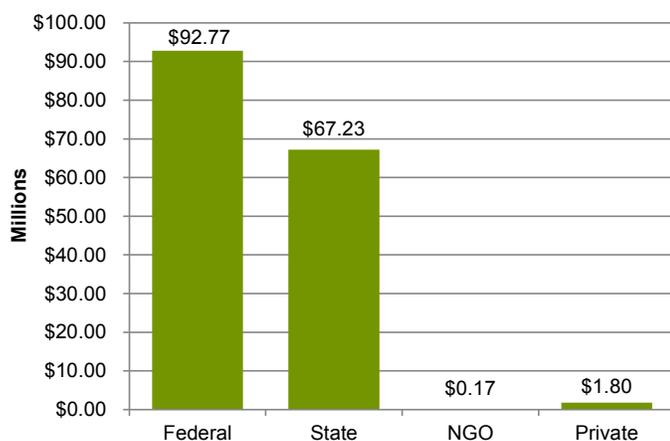


STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Kentucky*

Conservation in Kentucky

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Act of 1990 created a fund for land conservation and established priorities for protecting and conserving important natural areas in Kentucky. A total of 284,339 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011, and more than \$165 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

Kentucky funds conservation mainly through an unmined minerals tax, penalties and fees. In the past, bond funds and annual appropriations were also used.

- Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund –created in 1994. Distributes revenue from unmined mineral tax, environmental penalties, and sale of environmental license plates to five state departments and programs.
 - 2013 HB 281 enables nonprofits to apply for funds; requires a 1:1 match.
- Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements program, established in 1994, to help keep land in agricultural use. Funded originally by a \$10 million bond, then by annual appropriations.
 - Now receives little to no state funding (since 2007).

Local Investment

Local governments in Kentucky are authorized to fund parks and open space using general obligation bonds, property taxes, and the occupational license tax (income tax) – there are no local sales taxes in the state.

Voter approval is not usually sought for bonds. Property taxes to fund parks or purchase of development rights (PDRs) may be instituted after submitting a public referendum to voters. No local measures for conservation have been approved by voters in the state.

Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Forest Service
 - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - LWCF Federal
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - LWCF Federal
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. National Park Service
 - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Kentucky we have mapped 37 percent of acres and 54 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.

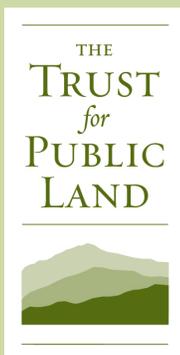
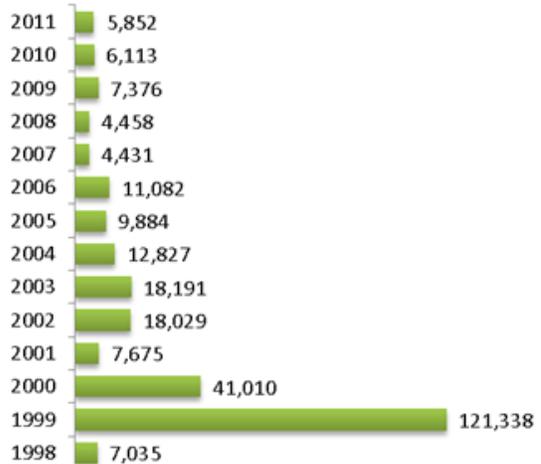
Conservation Snapshot

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.