



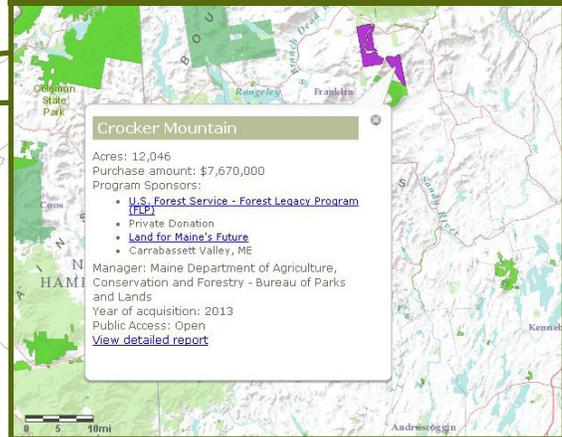
# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

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

State	Dollars	Acres
Massachusetts	\$446,176,564	121,497
Maine	\$98,555,633	127,733
Rhode Island	\$63,587,937	7,451
New Hampshire	\$36,782,122	10,907

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

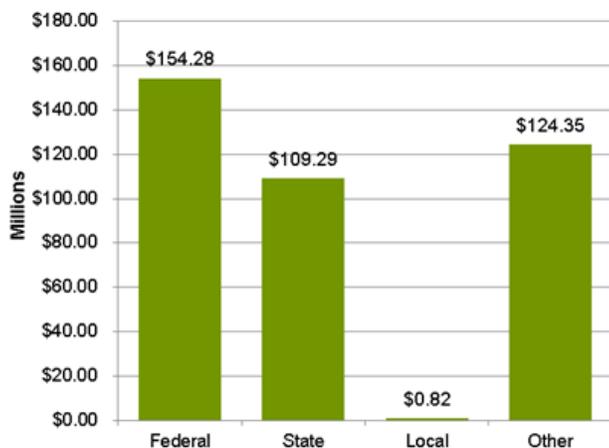


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Maine*

## Conservation in Maine

The Land for Maine's Future program was created in 1987 in response to concerns over loss of critical natural areas, wildlife habitat, farmland, and loss of access for outdoor recreation activities. A total of 1,560,613 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2013, and nearly \$389 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

## Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2013\*\*



## State Investment in Land Conservation

Maine fund conservation mostly with general obligation bonds. Lottery proceeds, license plate sales, and income tax check-offs provide supplementary funding.

- Land for Maine's Future (LMF) - created in 1987 and funded with an initial \$35 million bond. Voters approved five subsequent bonds, including one for \$5 million in 2012.
  - LMF has helped preserve over 560,000 acres
  - Governor Paul LePage blocked the release of voter-approved bond funds in 2015. Efforts are underway to release the funds, including those set to expire in 2015.
- Outdoor Heritage Fund - uses a portion of scratch lottery proceeds to fund grants for habitat conservation, land acquisition, and endangered species projects.
- Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund - created by the legislature in 1983. Funded by income tax "chickadee check-off" and "loon license plate" sales.

## Local Investment

Maine state law limits local government funding options for land conservation primarily to general obligation bonds, and a few small revenue sources. Local governments may not levy a real estate transfer tax, sales tax, or income tax for open space land acquisition.

Since 1996, 12 bond measures for land acquisition and open space preservation have passed in six municipalities in Maine. Many of these were for purchase of specific parcels. Voters in Kittery, ME passed a \$150,000 bond in 2013; York voters approved a \$300,000 bond in 2012.

## Federal Investment

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

- NOAA - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund
  - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Maine we have mapped 62 percent of acres and 72 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

\*2011 is the year through which most states are updated.  
\*\*Statistics are generated using data collected for and included in the Conservation Almanac. Almanac data collection efforts focus on land conserved using public dollars. 'Other' includes contributions funded by private, NGO and unknown funders, and may not be comprehensive.  
\*\*\*Data current as of August 2015.

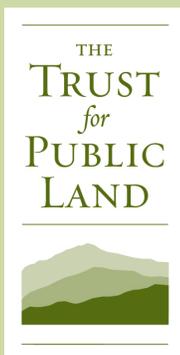
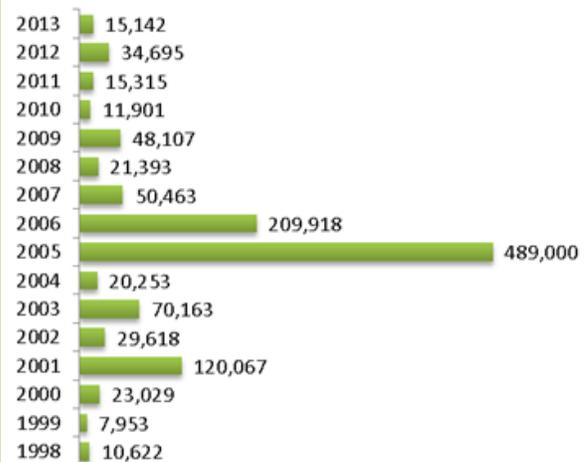
## Conservation Snapshot

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, 1998-2013\*\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2013\*\*



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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.