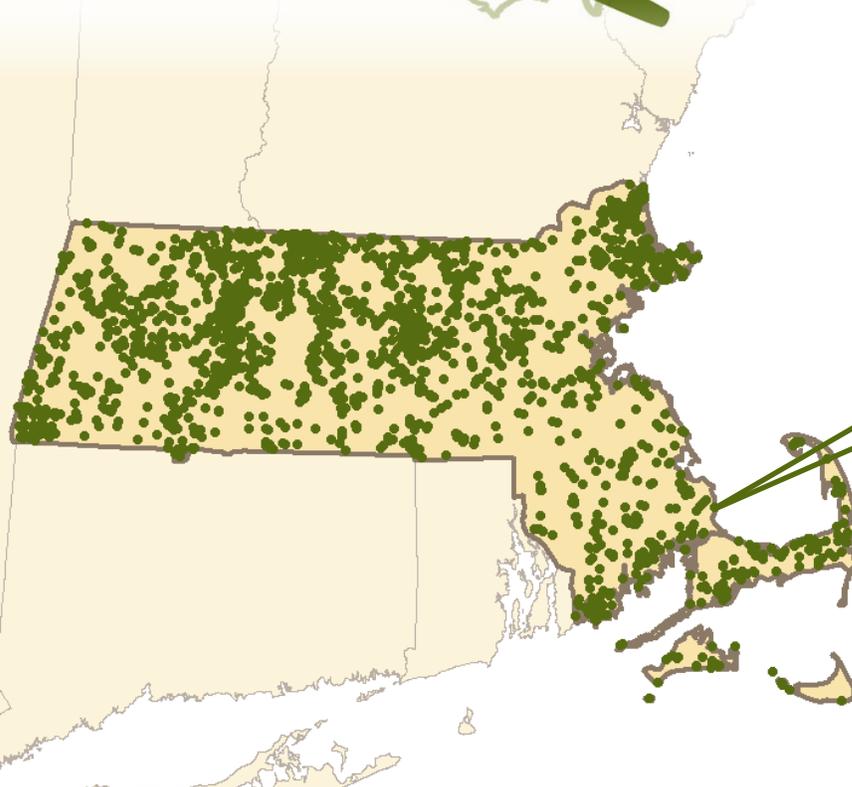




CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

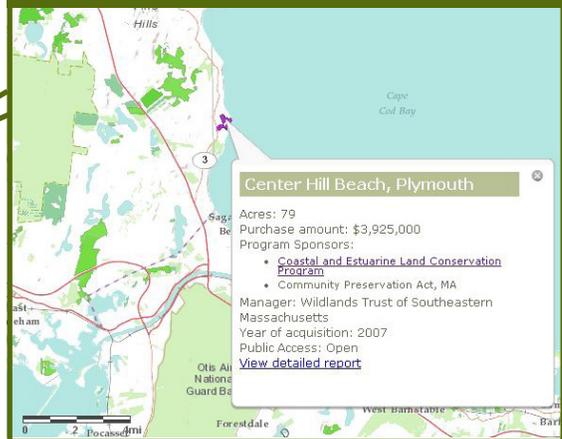


State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
New York	\$1,157,279,097	562,561
Massachusetts	\$446,176,564	121,661
Connecticut*		
New Hampshire	\$36,952,122	12,463

*Update in progress

Example Almanac Parcel Map



STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Massachusetts*

Conservation in Massachusetts

Governor Patrick signed an Environmental Bond Bill in August 2014, authorizing \$2.2 billion in state borrowing for 4 years to support land conservation, wildlife preservation, water protection, and more. A total of 214,763 acres were conserved in the state 1998-2011, and nearly \$950 million total was invested in conservation and natural resource protection.

State Investment in Land Conservation

Massachusetts funds conservation using legislative appropriations, environmental bonds, and revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. A \$2.2 billion environmental bond signed in 2014 includes \$350 million for land acquisition, urban parks, agricultural preservation, and drinking water protection.

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



- Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program - under Dept. of Ag. Resources, compensates farmers who place permanent deed restrictions on land. Funded by legislative appropriations.
- Department of Conservation and Recreation - offers grants, and acquires land through multiple state grant programs:
 - Drinking Water Supply Protection
 - Conservation Partnership
 - Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity
 - Landscape Partnership Program

Local Investment

Through the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts authorizes municipalities to impose up to a 3 percent voter-approved property tax surcharge. Revenue generated funds open space protection, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Matching funds generated by a \$20 real estate transaction fee. As of October 2014, 155 of the state's 351 communities have passed CPA.

Federal Investment

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

- NOAA - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Department of Defense - Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - LWCF Federal
 - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
 - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
- U.S. Forest Service
 - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - LWCF Federal
- 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 Massachusetts we have mapped 76 percent of acres and 80 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.

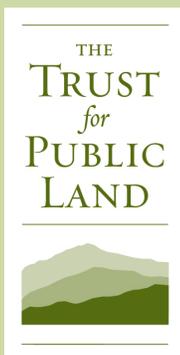
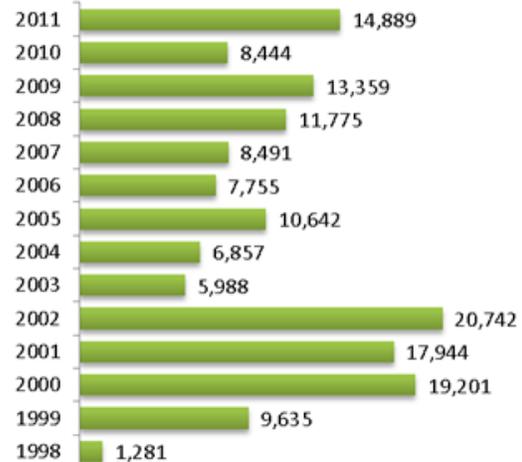
Conservation Snapshot

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.