



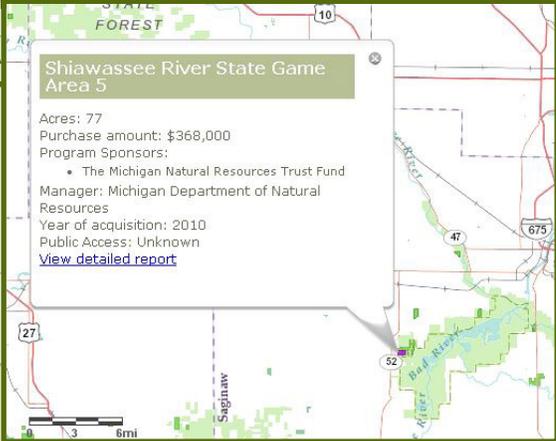
CONSERVATION ALMANAC

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
Michigan	\$121,295,842	53,744
Indiana	\$112,369,148	111,273

Example Almanac Parcel Map

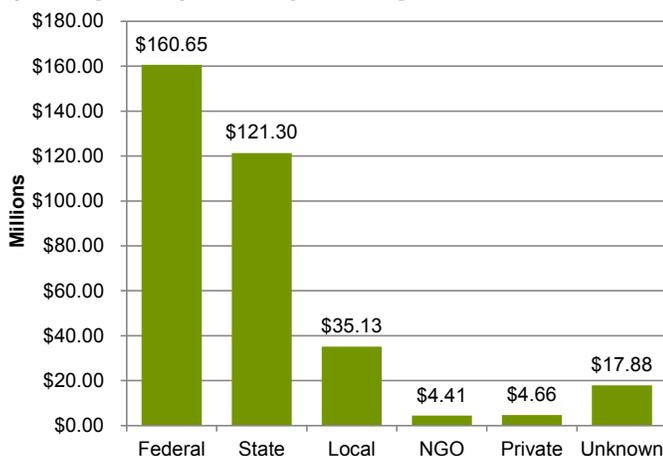


STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: Michigan

Conservation in Michigan

Created in 1976 by the state legislature, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund uses revenue from sale and lease of mineral rights to fund conservation and natural resource protection. A total of 292,788 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011, and over \$344 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

Michigan funds land conservation using revenue generated by oil and gas leases, and revenue received as payback from tax credit program terminations.

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund– uses funds from lease and sale of mineral rights to protect natural resources and expand outdoor recreational opportunities.
 - Created by the state legislature in 1976
 - 1984 voter-approved constitutional amendment expanded program scope
 - Reached constitutional cap of \$500 million in 2011. Going forward, will be funded by interest and earnings (expected \$25 million/year).
- Agricultural Preservation Fund – provides grants for purchase of agricultural conservation easements. Funded by payback from Farmland Development Rights Agreements (tax credit).

Local Investment

Local governments in Michigan may issue general obligation bonds or increase property taxes, with voter approval, to fund parks and open space acquisition.

Since 1998, voters passed 37 bond and/or tax measures for conservation in 27 counties and municipalities in the state.

Federal Investment

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

- 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. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - LWCF Federal
 - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Federal
- U.S. Forest Service
 - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - LWCF Federal

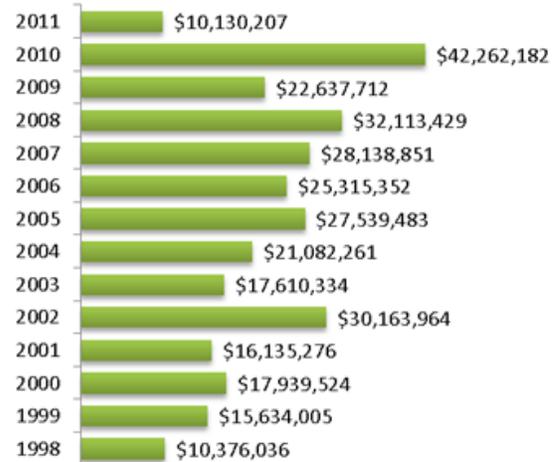
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Michigan we have mapped 40 percent of acres and 57 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

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.

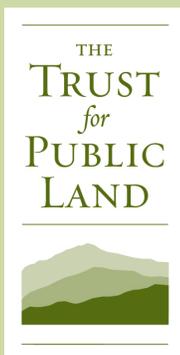
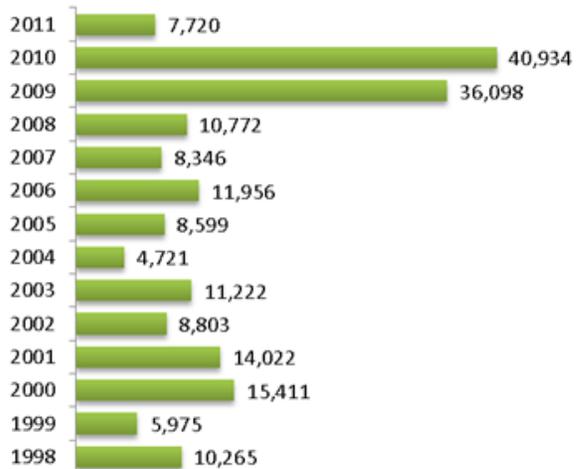
Conservation Snapshot

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.