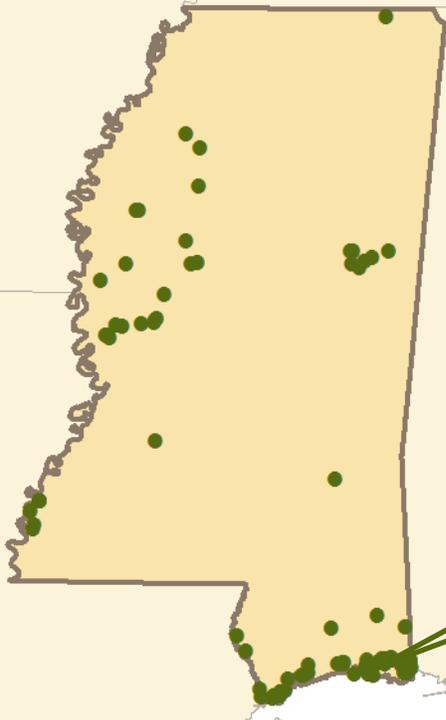




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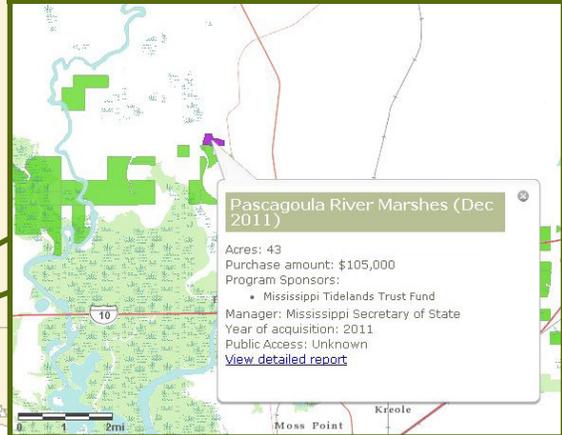
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



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

State	Dollars	Acres
Alabama	\$142,262,301	140,590
Arkansas	\$55,189,451	78,839
Mississippi	\$24,531,541	26,341
Louisiana	\$24,369,834	23,121

Example Almanac Parcel Map



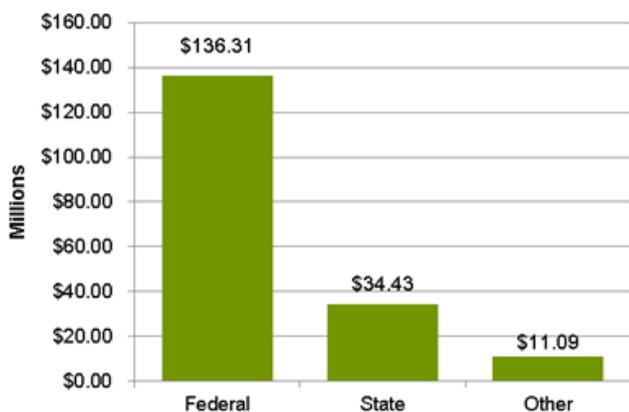
STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Mississippi*

Conservation in Mississippi

Tidelands in Mississippi are owned and managed by the state for the benefit of the people. The Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Program allows private lease of tidelands and submerged lands, and uses the revenue to conserve tidelands and improve public access.

A total of 178,217 acres were conserved in the state

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



from 1998-2013, and nearly \$182 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

State Investment in Land Conservation

Mississippi funds land conservation using legislative appropriations, revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, and revenue from the lease of tidelands and submerged lands.

- Wildlife Heritage Fund - uses legislative appropriations and revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses to acquire land for Wildlife Management Areas.
 - Administered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.
- Tidelands Trust Fund Program - works to conserve, reclaim, and preserve tidelands, and to enhance public access opportunities.
 - Administered by the Department of Marine Resources; Funded with revenue from the lease of state-owned tidelands and submerged lands.

Local Investment

Local governments in Mississippi are authorized to use general obligation bonds to fund land acquisition for parks and open space.

Despite that authority, no local conservation finance measures have been approved by voters in Mississippi.

Federal Investment

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

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- NOAA - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 - LWCF Federal
- 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 Mississippi we have mapped 15 percent of acres and 12 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.

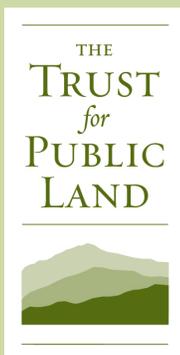
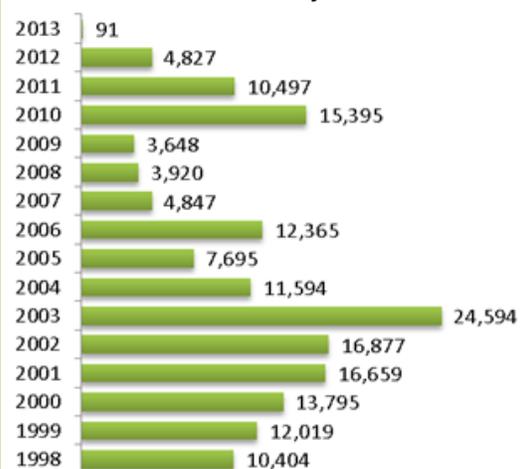
Conservation Snapshot

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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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.