



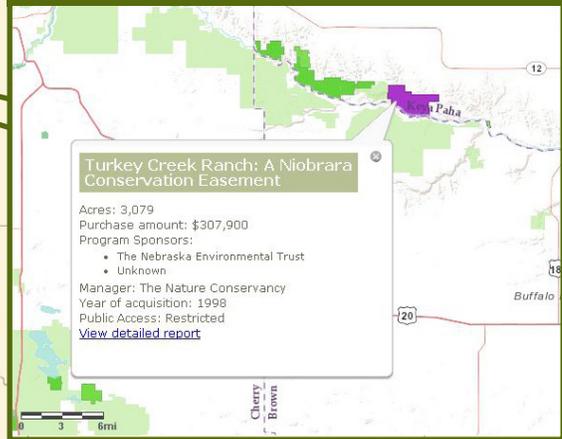
CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Colorado	\$454,905,864	387,847
Missouri	\$49,160,428	40,750
Nebraska	\$30,920,802	50,282
Kansas	\$7,631,409	6,229

Example Almanac Parcel Map



STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Nebraska*

Conservation in Nebraska

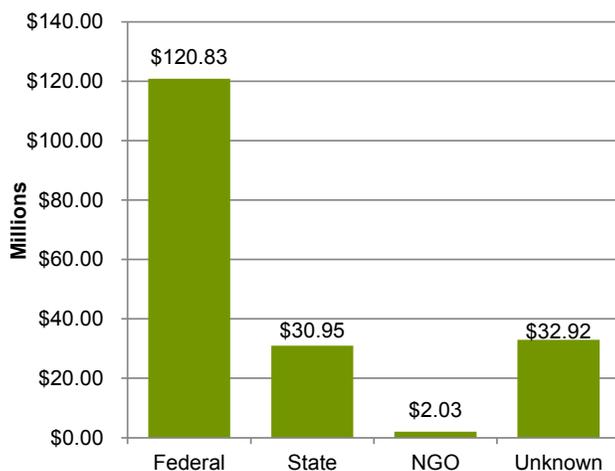
Nebraska voters voiced their support for environmental protection in 1992 by creating the Nebraska Environmental Trust via constitutional amendment. Through the Trust and other programs, a total of 176,348 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011. Over \$186 million was invested in land

conservation and natural resource protection in the same period.

State Investment in Land Conservation

Nebraska funds conservation using proceeds from the state lottery, revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, and a fund for water and land resources.

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



- Nebraska Environmental Trust – established by voters via constitutional amendment in 1992. Created the Nebraska Lottery: designates 44.5% of funds for environmental protection, with a minor portion dedicated to land acquisition.
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission uses habitat stamp dollars, derived from sales of hunting licenses, to fund land acquisition.

Local Investment

Nebraska authorizes local governments to issue general obligation bonds, and impose local sales and property taxes for parks and recreation.

Bonds must be authorized by city council and approved by voters. A sales tax of up to 1.5 percent may be imposed. Property taxes may be levied by the state and most political subdivisions, including special service districts.

Despite this authority, no local measures to approve funds for conservation have been on the ballot in Nebraska.

Federal Investment

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

- 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
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. National Park Service
 - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside

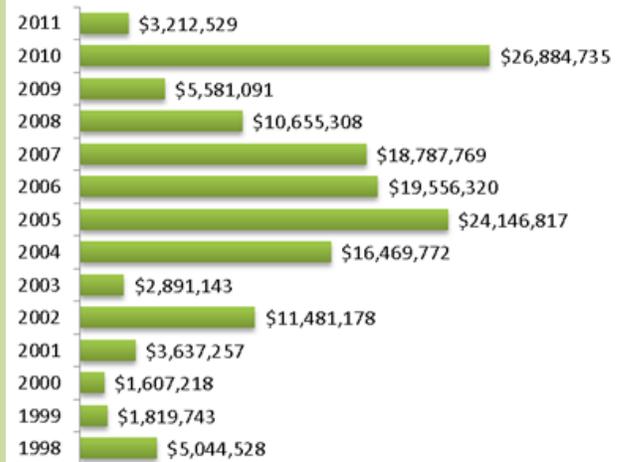
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Nebraska we have mapped 46 percent of acres and 31 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

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.

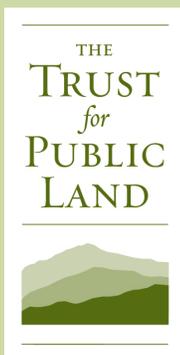
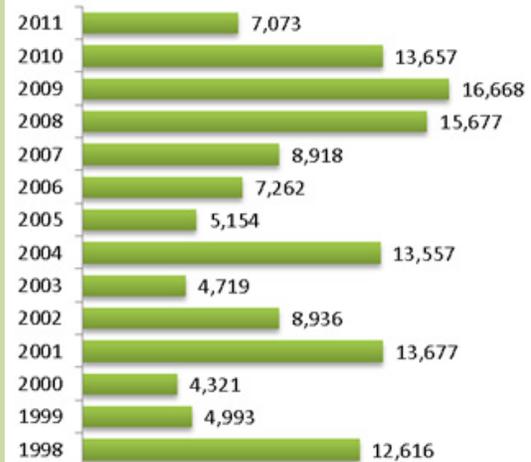
Conservation Snapshot

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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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.