



CONSERVATION ALMANAC

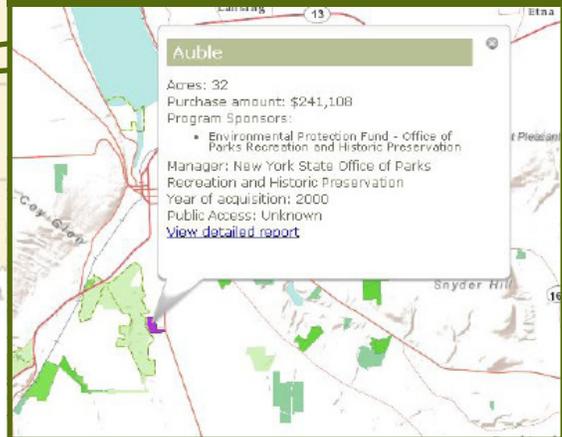
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
New Jersey*		
New York	\$1,157,279,097	562,561
Pennsylvania	\$926,458,496	338,253
Massachusetts	\$446,176,564	121,497

*Update in progress

Example Almanac Parcel Map

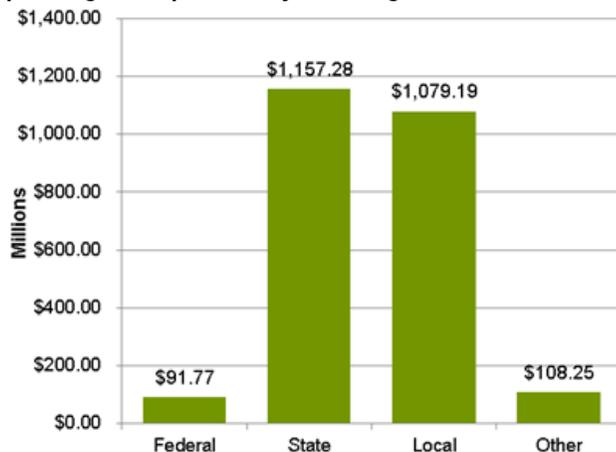


STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *New York*

Conservation in New York

Created in 1993, the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) is New York's primary funding source for land conservation. Through the EPF and related programs, a total of 960,256 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011 and over \$2.43 billion was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

New York funds conservation through a real estate transfer tax, and with revenue generated by license plate fees.

- Environmental Protection Fund - created in 1993, funded primarily by a statewide real estate transfer tax. Supports three conservation programs:
 - Farmland Protection Program - matching grants for farmland protection
 - Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - for park acquisitions
 - Department of Environmental Conservation - for unique areas, forest preserve, state historic sites, etc.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund - finances loans for projects to preserve water quality, in accordance with the Clean Water Act. Municipalities and non profits may apply

Local Investment

New York State authorizes local governments to fund land conservation using general obligation bonds, real estate transfer taxes, dedicated property taxes (towns), and sales taxes (three counties). Cities and counties may issue local sales taxes not exceeding 3 percent.

The Hudson River Community Preservation Act allows cities and towns in Putnam and Westchester counties to impose a voter-approved real estate transfer tax for conservation. Since 1998, 83 measures for farmland, parks and open space passed in 42 municipalities and counties.

Federal Investment

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

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

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In New York we have mapped 42 percent of acres and 25 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. 'Other' includes contributions funded by private, NGO and unknown funders, and may not be comprehensive. Data current as of August 2015.

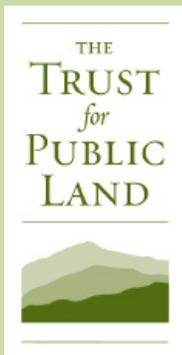
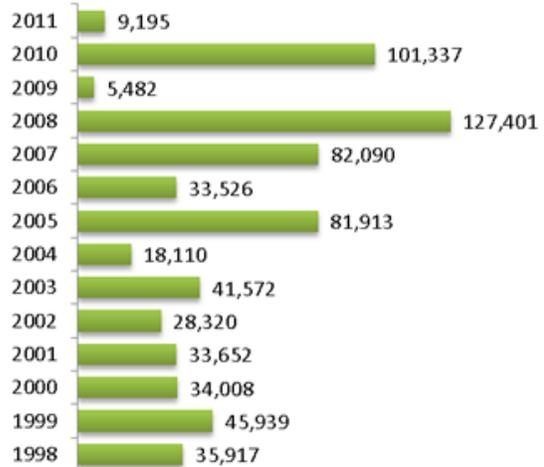
Conservation Snapshot

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, 1998-2011*



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.