



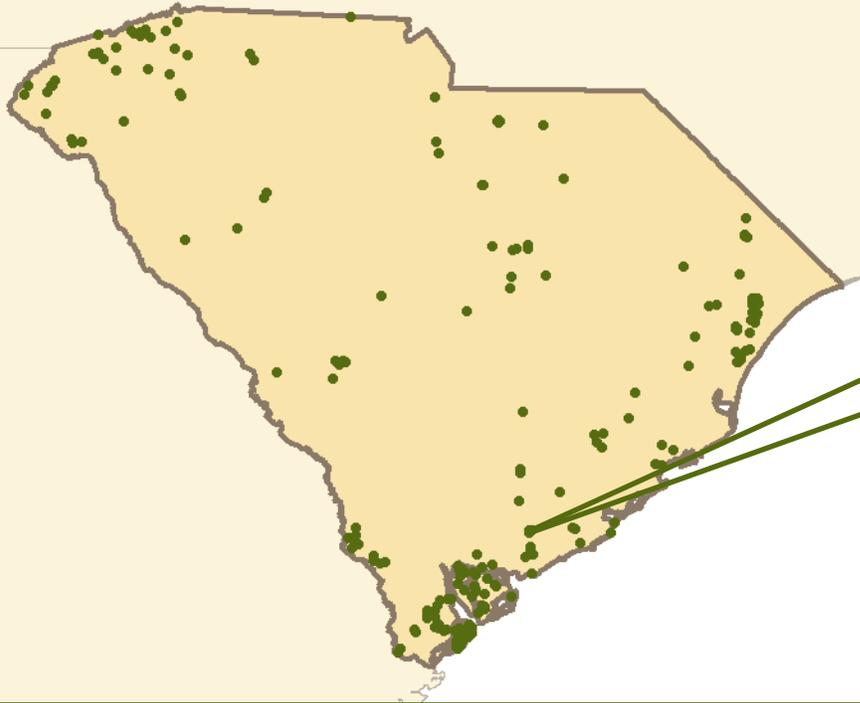
CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

| State | Dollars | Acres |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| North Carolina* | \$1,142,188,495 | 812,869 |
| Georgia | \$303,462,176 | 252,982 |
| South Carolina | \$147,290,579 | 190,495 |
| Tennessee | \$127,601,270 | 147,336 |

*Data through 2008



Example Almanac Parcel Map



STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *South Carolina*

Conservation in South Carolina

The first such program in the nation, the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program was created in 1976 to acquire land to protect critical natural areas and significant cultural sites. A total of 472,044 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011, and nearly \$616 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

South Carolina funds conservation mainly using a portion of the real estate transfer tax, distributed through a number of programs.

- South Carolina Conservation Bank Act, passed by the General Assembly in 2002, encouraged cooperation and established a mechanism to acquire environmentally sensitive lands.
 - Legislature extended through 2018
 - Revenue derived from a statewide real estate transfer tax
 - Since 2012, receives \$8 million/year
- South Carolina Heritage Trust Program, created in 1976, funds land acquisition to protect critical endangered species.
 - Funded by a real estate transfer tax and state appropriations.

Local Investment

South Carolina authorizes local governments to issue general obligation bonds, create special taxing districts, and to levy property/sales taxes. With voter authorization, counties may incur general obligation debt with no limit to amount, and may also impose a one percent sales and use tax for parks and recreation.

Active conservation programs exist in Beaufort County, Charleston County, Dorchester County and Hilton Head Island.

Federal Investment

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

- 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
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service
 - LWCF Federal
 - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- 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 South Carolina we have mapped 33 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.

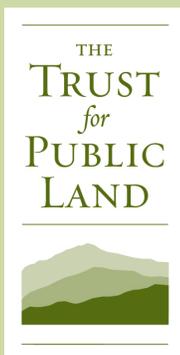
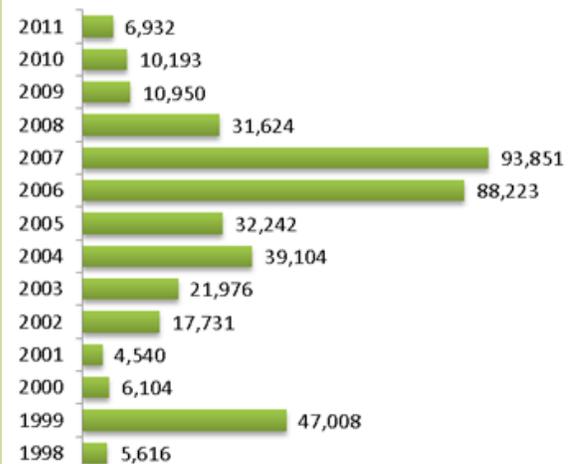
Conservation Snapshot

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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people, ensuring healthy, livable
communities for generations to
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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.