



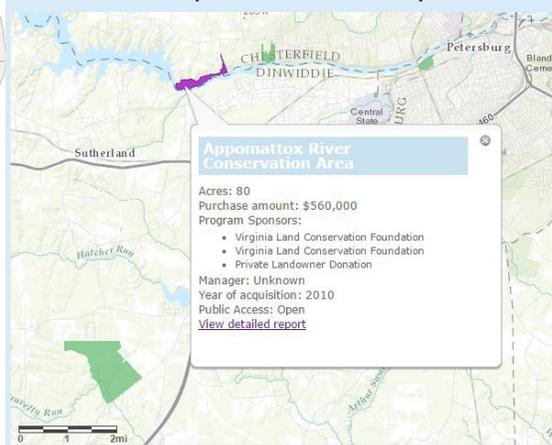
# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

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

State	Dollars	Acres
Delaware	\$303,819,668	104,939
Tennessee	\$153,907,994	151,007
Virginia	\$151,884,102	132,425
West Virginia	\$16,360,547	23,263

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

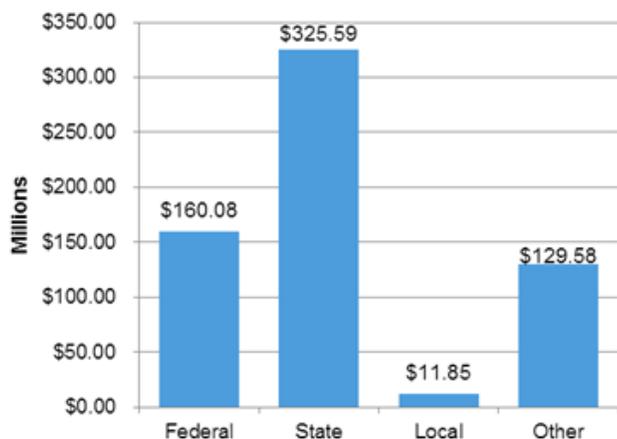


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Virginia*

## Conservation in Virginia

Virginia voters approved statewide bonds in 1992 and 2002, both of which included funds for conservation land acquisition. These bonds (\$65 million in total) have funded the majority of recent land conservation in the state. A total of 239,953 acres were conserved in Virginia from 1998-2014, and over \$407 million was invested in land conservation.

## Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2014\*



## State Investment in Land Conservation

Virginia has a range of conservation programs administered by state agencies, including:

- Department of Conservation and Recreation - uses appropriations, bonds, and voluntary income tax contributions to acquire land for state parks and natural area preserves.
- Department of Game and Inland Fisheries - manages inland fisheries, wildlife and boating with license revenue, federal grants, and annual transfers from the state game protection fund.
- Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) - established in 1999 to provide grants to protect land. Funded through the annual budget.
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) - promotes open space preservation and administers the Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund
- Department of Historic Resources, Battlefield Preservation Fund - offers grants to protect Civil War battlefield properties with easements.
- Office of Farmland Protection - allocates state matching funds to local PDR programs.

## Local Investment

Bonds are the primary local funding options for open space conservation in Virginia.

Counties and municipalities may issue bonds to fund land acquisition for parks, open space, greenways, etc, and facility improvements. Cities and towns can issue bonds as long as the total outstanding debt does not exceed 10 percent of the assessed valuation of the real estate in the city or town. Voter approval is required.

Cities, counties, and towns have the power to adopt local ordinances to raise the existing property tax rate; voter approval is not needed.

## Federal Investment

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

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service/ Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)

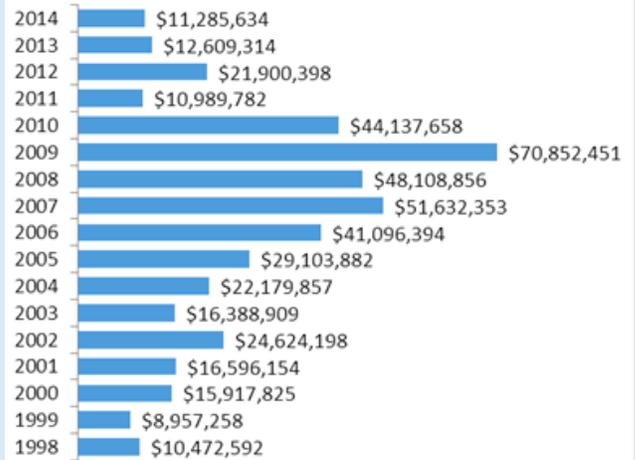
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 67 percent of acres, 60 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current through October 2016.

\*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.

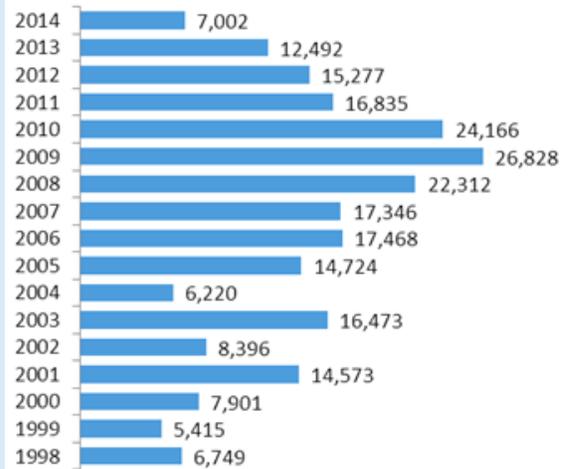
## Conservation Snapshot

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, 1998-2014\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2014\*



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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.