



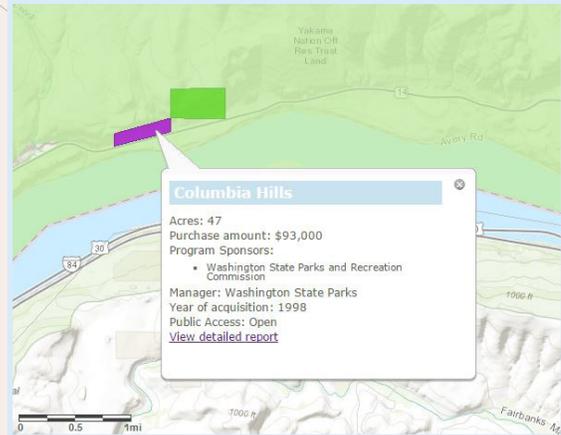
# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

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

State	Dollars	Acres
Washington	\$464,377,404	267,494
Montana	\$109,602,839	283,421
Oregon	\$81,011,162	72,114
Idaho	\$22,998,762	7,586

## Example Almanac Parcel Map

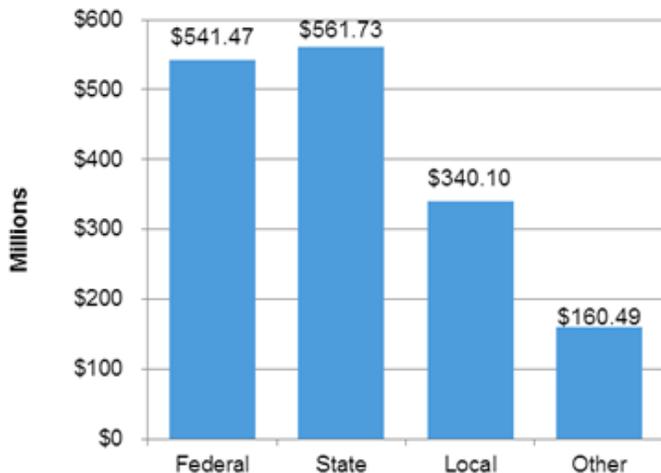


# STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Washington*

## Conservation in Washington

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, funded mainly by appropriations, makes grants for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation to a variety of entities who provide matching funds. A total of 825,098 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2013 and nearly \$1.33 billion was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

### Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2015\*



## State Investment in Land Conservation

Washington relies on a combination of tax credits, general obligation bonds, and legislative appropriations to fund land conservation.

- Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) - manages a variety of grant programs to support wildlife/habitat conservation, outdoor recreation.
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) - created in 1989, managed by RCO. Uses appropriations to fund a range of land protection and outdoor recreation activities.
- Department of Natural Resources - manages 5.6 million acres, for fish/wildlife habitat, clean water, public access.
  - Two additional programs funded by legislative appropriations: Forestry Riparian Easement Program (1999); Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (2000)
- State Parks - acquires land in fee simple, funded through general fund and user fees.
- Department of Fish and Wildlife - funded mainly by WWRP, also by federal funds/miscellaneous grants/donations

## Local Investment

Washington authorizes municipalities and counties to issue general obligation bonds with 60 percent voter approval. Other options include the Conservation Futures property tax and Real Estate Excise tax.

Active local conservation programs include: King County, San Juan County, Spokane County, City of Seattle

## Federal Investment

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

- Bonneville Power Administration
- NOAA - Salmon Federal Projects
- 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
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
  - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants
- U.S. Forest Service
  - LWCF Federal
  - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
- U.S. National Park Service - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside

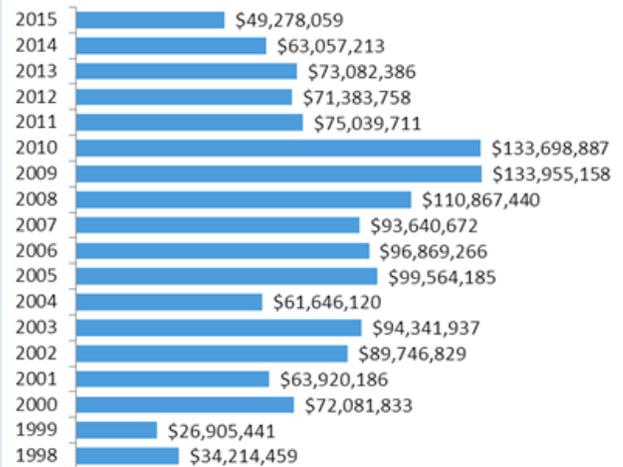
Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all lands included in the Conservation Almanac. This map includes a subset of land conservation activity (i.e. 58 percent of acres, 46 percent of dollars) shown as points. Data current through October 2016.

\*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.

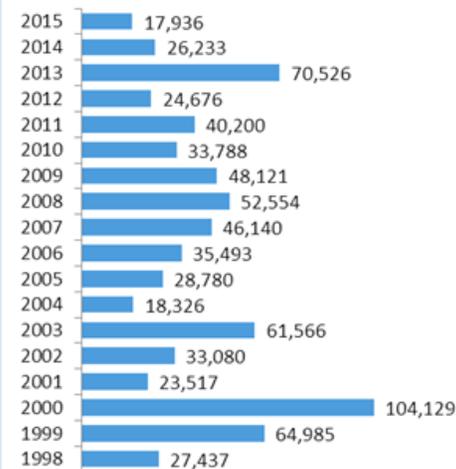
## Conservation Snapshot

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, 1998-2015\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2015\*



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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.