

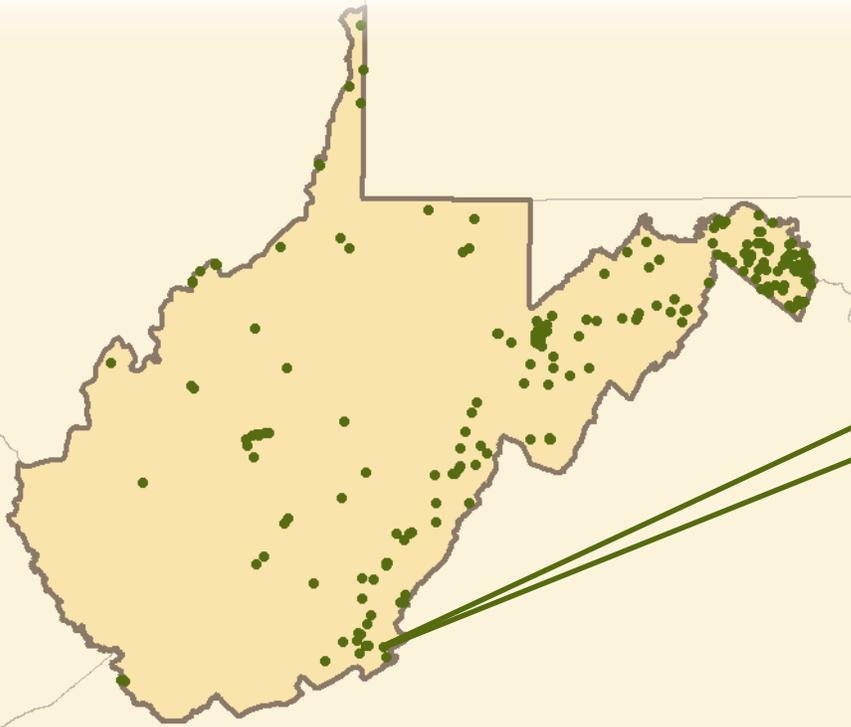


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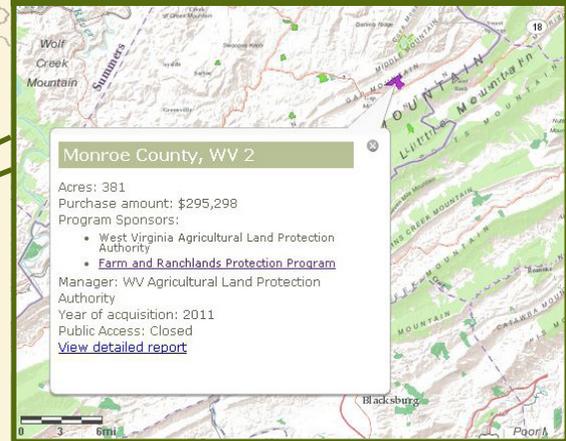
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands

State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Pennsylvania	\$926,458,496	335,853
Ohio	\$472,110,866	132,690
Kentucky	\$67,228,851	86,301
West Virginia	\$16,360,547	23,263



Example Almanac Parcel Map



STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *West Virginia*

Conservation in West Virginia

The Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, established in 2008, designates revenue from statewide deed and document recording fees to protect land and West Virginia's natural resources. A total of 95,019 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011. From 1998-2011, nearly \$143 million was invested in land conservation and natural resource protection.

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



State Investment in Land Conservation

West Virginia uses mainly revenue generated from sales of a conservation stamp and from a document and deed recording fee to fund land acquisition and conservation.

- Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Section – acquires land for public wildlife associated recreation (Wildlife Management Areas) using mainly revenue generated from sales of a conservation stamp.
- Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund– established in 2008 with the Voluntary Rural and Outdoor Heritage Conservation Act.
 - Acquires land/makes grants, funded by a \$10 deed and document recording fee.
- Agricultural Land Protection Authority – created as part of the Voluntary Farmland Protection Act in 2000. Receives funds from statewide document recording fee.

Local Investment

The Voluntary Farmland Protection Act was passed by the West Virginia legislature in 2000. In March 2002 the Act was amended to allow any county with a Farmland Protection Program to enact an additional real estate transfer tax. Revenue from the tax (max. \$1.10 per \$500) may be used exclusively to fund farmland preservation.

Federal Investment

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

- 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
 - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
 - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service - 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 West Virginia we have mapped 52 percent of acres and 56 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.

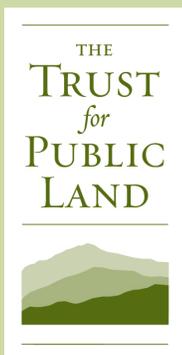
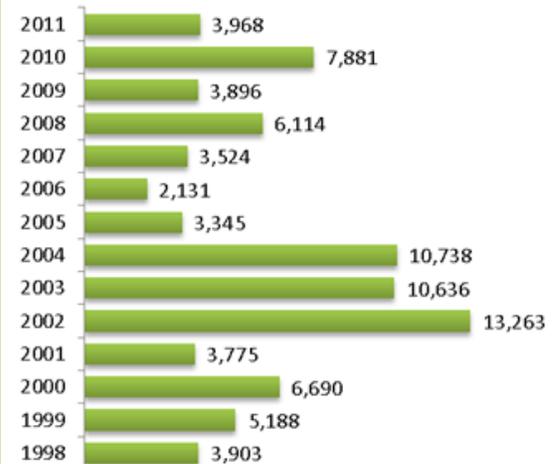
Conservation Snapshot

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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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.