LWCF 2015

A Platform:

1. I support the stated purposes of the 1965 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the vision for this Act as conceived by the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

2. I concur with President John F. Kennedy, who in his conservation message to Congress on March 1, 1962, stated that “Adequate outdoor recreation facilities are among the basic requirements of a sound national conservation program.” Outdoor recreation is conservation imperative in America.

3. I support the use of LWCF funds for land acquisition, both federal and state, associated with preserving, developing, and assuring access to parks, recreation areas, and open spaces.

4. I support the use of LWCF funds for development, both federal and state, of new outdoor recreation facilities and the restoration and rehabilitation of existing valued facilities.

5. I believe an effective, efficient, and collaborative system of local-state-federal outdoor recreation resources cannot be achieved one agency at a time; that is, states must play a pivotal role in connecting local-state-federal resources, communities, citizens, organizations, and the outdoor recreation and tourism industry.

6. Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, stated in 1964 that “State, federal and local cooperation is needed in the outdoor recreation area as it was never needed before.” I believe this statement to be even more true today, and that the Land and Water Conservation Fund program can be instrumental in achieving this.

7. I support a public planning process, inclusive of all public interests and needs, for developing a statewide comprehensive interagency outdoor recreation plan which would identify local-state-federal projects, priorities and funding needs for due consideration in the annual LWCF appropriation process. I concur with Laurance Rockefeller (1964), “this is the finest opportunity we have ever had to build for the long haul. “

8. I support the reauthorization of the 1965 LWCF Act and its full funding.