

LWCF 2015

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1965 LWCF Act

- (b) PURPOSES. The purposes of this Act are *to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility* to all citizens of the United States of America of present and future generations and visitors who are lawfully present within the boundaries of the United States of America such *quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary* and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States by
- (1) providing funds for and authorizing assistance to the States in the planning, **acquisition and development** of needed land and water areas and facilities, and
 - (2) providing funds for the Federal **acquisition and development** of certain lands and other areas.

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 (1962).

Platform #2

Adequate outdoor recreation facilities are among the basic requirements of a sound national conservation program (Kennedy 1962). Outdoor recreation is a conservation imperative in America.

Platform #3

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

Platform #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.

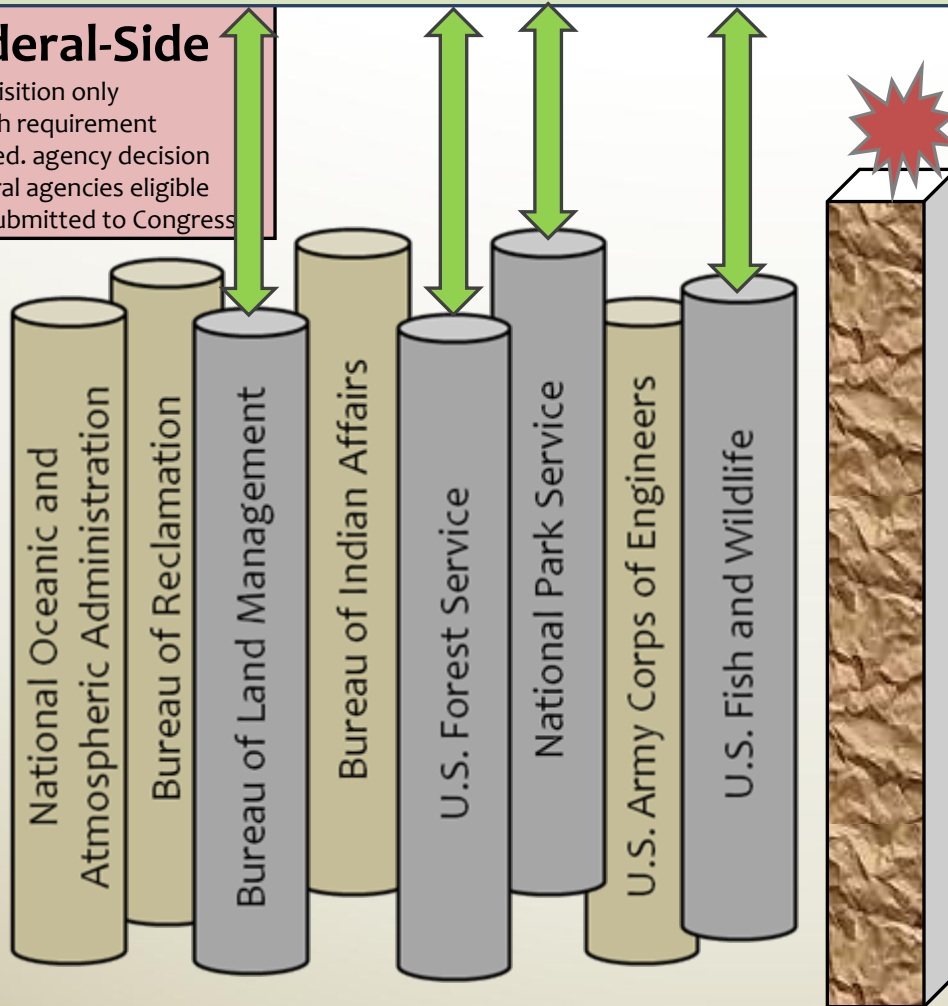
Figure 1. The Current LWCF System

Congressional LWCF Appropriations

Congress decides on the total annual LWCF appropriation, the federal and state split, and the apportionment among the four federal agencies; State dollars are apportioned among states based upon 1965 LWCF Act

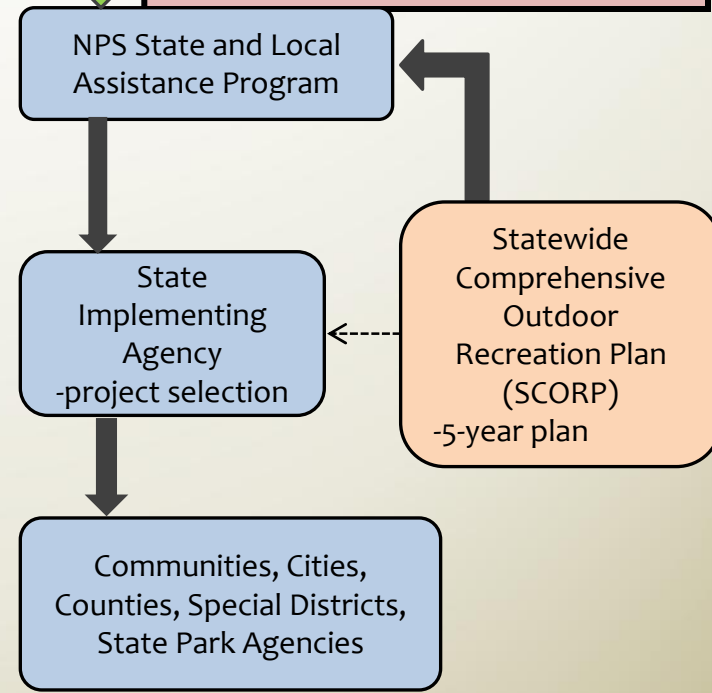
Federal-Side

- Land acquisition only
- No \$ match requirement
- Internal fed. agency decision
- Four federal agencies eligible
- Projects submitted to Congress



State-Side

- Development, land acquisition and planning
- Requires 50% funding match
- Internal State agency decision
- Cities, counties, districts, state parks eligible
- Projects not submitted to Congress



Platform #5

An effective, efficient and collaboration system of local-state-federal outdoor recreation resources cannot be achieved one agency at a time. States must play a pivotal role in connecting local to federal resources, communities, and their citizens.

Figure 2. A Proposed 2015 LWCF System

Congressional LWCF Appropriations

Congress decides on the total annual LWCF appropriation, and the apportionment to each state based upon projects, priorities and costs set forth in the respective statewide interagency comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.



Statewide Interagency (Local-State-Federal) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (see process in figure 3)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Indian Affairs

U.S. Forest Service

National Park Service

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Fish and Wildlife

State Agencies

Cities, Counties, Special Districts

Platform #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.*” This statement is even more true today, and the LWCF program can be instrumental to achieve interagency cooperation.

Laurance Rockefeller

ORRRC Chairman, 1965

*“The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act gives special urgency and incentive to **comprehensive , coordinated planning**. The Act requires a comprehensive statewide plan.*

. . . the finest opportunity we have ever had to build well for the long haul”.

Platform #7

I support a public planning process, engaging all interested publics and organizations, 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.”*

Figure 3. Proposed 2015 LWCF System

Congressional LWCF Appropriations

Congress decides on the total annual LWCF appropriation; apportions dollars among states based upon 1965 LWCF Act and the demonstrated need reflected in the State-approved SCORP Plan.

1. Annual appropriation for SCORP Planning

- 5 states per year initiate two year public planning process
- Monies available for statewide planning services: staffing; data collection, operations
- \$7-10M per year for national SCORP program

2. SCORP Organization

- Formation of federal-state-local outdoor recreation cooperative in the state.
- Adoption of Secretarial guidelines on planning principles, process, transparency, inclusiveness, decision criteria, accountability, amendments, & implementation.

4. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

- GOAL: A prescription for a statewide system of local-state-federal outdoor recreation resources
- 10-year plan with mid-term update
- ID priority projects, partners, costs, & sequence. (federal and stateside LWCF)

3. Public Planning Process

- Engage communities, cities, counties, special districts, state & federal agencies, outdoor recreation industry, land conservation groups, other cooperating partners
- Regional analysis of public demand, supply, opportunities and gaps.
- Link to other state natural resource, historic, education, transportation, public health and other plans.

5. Implementation

- Appropriations for federal and state projects within a state
- Oversight by the state-level outdoor recreation cooperative
- Adaptive management of priorities and sequence.
- Accountability and reporting.

Platform #8

Support reauthorization and full funding; presuming these other platform items can be addressed administratively by the Secretary of the Interior.

Thank You

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