

STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND AND LWCF
2-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

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Sherwood Forest

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Lands Acquisition Fund (SLAF) has been instrumental in the acquisition of lands for preservation and conservation efforts across the entire state of Tennessee. Since the inception of the real estate transfer tax, the SLAF has been able to act as the coordinating mechanism to facilitate collaborative land purchases involving multiple funding sources, non-profit agencies, and state agencies that have the ultimate responsibility of managing these gems for future generations.

Funding sources have included the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Forest Legacy Program, the American Battlefield Protection Program, Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee's Department of Transportation's Recreation and Trails and Viewshed Programs, private dollars and non-profit organizations. The success of SLAF could not have been accomplished without the work of non-profit organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, the Conservation Fund, The Land Trust for Tennessee, Tennessee Greenways and Trails Foundation, Trust for Public Lands and the Cumberland Trail Conference. The partnership between the state and these third parties has been incredibly important. SLAF has proven to be an outstanding program, packaging together the efforts of various funding sources, non-profit organizations and state agencies over the past two years.

Over the past two years, the State Land Acquisition Fund (SLAF) has been able to acquire and protect 15,771.55 acres to be managed as state natural areas, state parks, state forests, state historic sites, and state forest impacting 30 counties in Tennessee. The SLAF has provided, through the real estate transfer tax, approximately \$8,071,754 that has been leveraged with \$4,624,653 from other funding sources mentioned above, not including donations.

The following report will give you a more detailed view on the history of the State Lands Acquisition Fund and the expenditures, acquisitions, and current projects that have been involved the SLAF process over the past two years.

History of the State Lands Acquisition Fund

In 1986, it was determined that the time was right for creating a mechanism for conserving Tennessee's wetlands with a dedicated tax to fund an acquisition program. Two different study committees were formed, one in the legislature and the other in Governor Lamar Alexander's administration. The legislature was intent on forestalling regulation of wetlands, while the Governor's task force on Tennesseans for the Outdoors set a broader agenda for conserving Tennessee's natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations.

Public Chapter 833 (Tennessee Code Title 11, Chapter 14) was not easy to pass, despite overlapping recommendations from these two committees and broad public support. The initial legislation added \$.04 to the Real Estate Transfer Tax, directed it to establishing the Wetlands Acquisition Fund, defined requirements for the land to be purchased, mandated purchases be made from willing sellers, and required cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for planning, decision-making and rule-making. Its passage was and still is considered one of the most important bills for conservation in Tennessee's history.

From the Wetlands Fund, came the birth of the State Lands Acquisition Fund. In 1991, the legislation was amended to dedicate \$.08 of the Real Estate Transfer Tax to provide three more funds in addition to the Wetlands Funds. In the process, the Director of the Wildlife Agency agreed to lower the Agency's portion to \$.0325 so an Agricultural Fund could be established. The Funds and their portion of the tax are: Wetlands Fund \$.0325, Local Park Land Acquisition Fund \$.0175, State Land Acquisition Fund \$.0150, and Agricultural Non-Point Water Pollution Control Fund \$.0150. The amount of money in these particular funds has been able to grow, primarily due to the increasing real estate values and an increase in transactions stimulated by lower interest rates. Since 1991, the proceeds from the dedicated State Land Acquisitions Fund have made it possible to bring many millions of matching dollars to Tennessee and put them to use in conserving critical areas for Natural Areas, State Parks, Forestry, and Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. The funding source was established by the use of a real estate transfer tax and has proven to be a valuable decision for the state of Tennessee. Since its inception the fund has empowered acquisition of hundreds of thousands of acres for the preservation our natural resources.

This land acquisition fund has successfully leveraged state funds to gain matching money from federal, local and private money sources each and every year. As a result, many thousands of acres of these natural resources have been protected that would otherwise have been lost forever.

In 2000, the State Land Acquisition Fund was amended to allow for the purchase of Civil War Battlefields threatened by development. Doing so helped provide a much needed match for Federal and private dollars.

As time has passed, the fund has continued to meet its legislative mandates. Its operation, however, has been able to adapt and evolve as better scientific data and other tools have become available allowing us to quickly assess the environmental and cultural significance a particular property may have. That significance may be heavily focused on endangered or threatened species, viewshed and watershed protection, archaeological and historical value, or other. The SLAF has clear established goals and defined methods for evaluating and recommending projects to be submitted and approved by the State Building Commission. Managers of the fund have been able to work and cooperate with many partners to add to the funds financial power and get the most creative use of every dollar in order to meet the many challenges facing Tennessee.

On May 15, 2015, there were two provisions in the budget implementation bill (Public Chapter 425) that affected the SLAF. SECTION 3 was amended by inserting the following language at the end of the subdivision:

Such funds may also be used for capital projects, including improvements and maintenance, at state parks.

SECTION 5 was amended by adding the following language to the end of the subdivision:

The next two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) deposited in the state lands acquisition fund in each fiscal year shall be transferred and credited to the Tennessee Civil War or War Between the States site preservation fund created under § 4-11-112. Funds allocated to the preservation fund shall be used exclusively as provided in § 4-11-112.

History shows there has been increasing threats to Tennessee's rich biological and cultural resources.

Acquisition Spotlights

Over the last couple of years there have been many outstanding projects, all of which unfortunately cannot be discussed in this report. It is, however, important to distinguish a few, if only to convey the concept, breadth and depth where the SLAF has contributed.

State Parks: David Crockett – the Crowder tract

The Crowder Farm bordered approximately 1.25 miles of the parks total 2.89 mile western park boundary which constituted approximately 43% of the parks entire western boundary. This farm was also the view shed for almost this entire distance. The farm had small sections of park trail that traverse it as well. This farm is a vital addition to the natural, cultural and visual integrity of David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg. The historic Trail of Tears Interpretive Retracement Trail travels along this boundary for approximately 0.5 miles. Owning this property ensures the integrity of this nationally recognized Trail Section. This property is also the main view shed of our primary use campground and this farm is known for its abundance of wildlife that attracts thousands of park visitors every year.

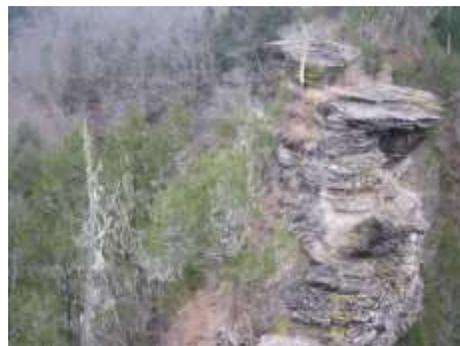
David Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. He was born near the little town of Limestone in northeast Tennessee in 1786. In 1817, he moved to Lawrence County and served as a justice of the peace, a colonel of the militia and as a state representative. Along the banks of Shoal Creek, in what is now his namesake park, he established a diversified industry consisting of a powdermill, a gristmill and a distillery. All three operations were washed away in a flood in September 1821.



Natural Areas: Window Cliffs

This area has long been a target for TDEC's Division of Natural Areas and in the 1970s was considered for National Natural Landmark Status. The site supports a unique geologic feature, a rare plant community, and three rare species.

Window Cliffs occurs within the dissected section of the Interior Low Plateau (ILP), within Tennessee's Eastern Highland Rim, between the Outer Central Basin and the Western Escarpment of the Cumberland Plateau. The natural area possesses an unusual geologic feature formed from the oxbow of Cane Creek. At the narrowest point, the cliff is only about 50 yards wide at the base with the clifftops just a few feet wide. However, the stream distance separating the two cliff-faces is about 0.8 mile. The narrow cliffs have resulted from erosion and natural bridges or "windows" appear within them. The cliff face supports a Central Interior Calcareous Cliff and Talus plant community and the only one of two known Tennessee locations of the state-endangered plains muhly (*Muhlenbergia cuspidata*). At the base of the cliff, the state-listed northern white cedar also occurs (*Thuja occidentalis*). The forests consist of dry-mesic oak and hickory in the upland while the mesic coves support both American beech and eastern hemlock.



Historic Sites: Sgt. Alvin C. York

This 4.8 acre parcel of property is a portion of the original farm site where Sgt. Alvin C. York was born on December 13, 1887 and lived prior to being drafted during World War I. After the war, Alvin York and his wife Gracie lived on this farm site from 1919 until 1922 while waiting for their new home to be constructed on the site that is now Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park. This property adjoins the site where Sergeant York would construct the York Bible School in the 1940s, and provides additional interpretive opportunities, improves access, and creates opportunities for restoration and development of the York Bible School building and property. The York Bible School is part of Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Alvin York left his imprint on the annals of American military valor on October 8, 1918, in the Battle of the Argonne Forest. While on patrol along the Meuse-Argonne Front in France, York and his unit came under heavy enemy fire resulting in nine of York's fellow soldiers being killed or wounded. As the only non-commissioned officer still in the fight, Corporal York assumed command and led the remaining members of his patrol in a heroic effort against the German forces resulting in the capture of four German officers and 128 German soldiers.



State Scenic River: Cumberland Trail – Lindeman Donation

Soak Creek originates in Cumberland County, Tennessee and flows down the Cumberland Plateau into a remote cliff-lined canyon of primitive Appalachian wilderness to its confluence with the Piney River near Spring City, Tennessee. This free-flowing river serves as a critical habitat for the iconic species of the Cumberland Plateau, and offers whitewater paddlers a scenic Class III descent when flows rise following rains. Hikers on the Cumberland Trail can also benefit from a recent land conservation purchase that borders Soak Creek creating a corridor between Piney Falls State Natural Area and Stinging Fork Natural Area.

In 2016, we worked with George Lindeman to protect 1034.01 acres of this scenic river. This property is now under the management of the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park.



State Park/State Natural Area: Sherwood Forest

Sherwood Forest contains a number of listed species including the federally threatened painted forest coiled snail, the federally endangered Morefield's leatherflower, as well as the state-listed Cumberland rosinweed and American smoketree. Furthermore, the property contains significant pre-historic rock carvings that have been the subject of archeological investigations. The property borders Franklin State Forest and Carter Caves State Natural Area. Acquisition of the property will help meet the recovery goals of the federally listed species, protect Youngs Creek and Bee Creek watersheds (both of which flow into Crow Creek), and provide a variety of recreation opportunities to visitors to the southern Cumberland Plateau.

The property straddles two different eco-regions with the eastern portion of the tract occurring within the sandstone-dominated Cumberland Plateau while the western and more dissected portions of the tract occur within the limestone dominated Plateau Escarpment.



Financial Report

The following pages outline a summary of the financial report for the period January 2014 to December 31, 2016. There is a possibility that all invoices have not been processed at the time this report was written.

The first report is the Fund Balance Sheet. This report is a document produced on a regular basis to inform people on the current status of the fund. It is a quick summary of the total revenues, expenditures, and obligations. This report takes into consideration the revenues, as well as the expenditures and gives a good picture of the remaining balance once all obligations are met. The second report, the SLAF Monthly Fund balance provides a little more specific information pertaining to the fund and its monthly balance over the two year period. It provides information on revenue streams, such as interest and transfer tax. Having to pay for many of the land acquisitions up front, the fund is reimbursed by the matching grants, which is itemized in the monthly report. Finally, the actual disbursement and cash balances of each month are clearly defined.

Balance Report: State Lands Acquisition Fund

STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND BALANCE SHEET
JANUARY 1, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2016

Fund Balance January 1, 2015 **\$10,050,416.41**

Revenues

Current Services:

Jan. 1, 2015 – Nov. 30, 2016 12,792.31
Dec. 2016 (estimated) 50.00

Real Estate Transfer Tax:

Jan. 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015 2,611,611.80

Real Estate Transfer Tax:

July 1, 2015 - June 2016 6,122,953.48

Real Estate Transfer Tax:

July 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2016 (actual) 1,775,075.34

Real Estate Transfer Tax:

Oct. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016 (estimated) 1,600,000.00

Total **\$12,122,482.93**

Interest Earned on Fund:

January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 - Actual 28,284.25

July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 - Estimated 12,000.00

Total **\$40,284.25**

Total Revenues **\$12,162,767.18**

Expenditures and Obligations

Expenditures:

Jan. 1, 2015 thru Nov. 30, 2016 (10,493,381.18)

Dec. 2016 (estimate) (100,000.00)

Transfers:

Allotment 327.22 - Jan. 1, 2015 thru Dec. 2016 (415,000.00)

Capital Projects - Jan.1, 2015 thru Dec. 2016 (92,138.13)

Historical Commission - Jan. 1, 2015 thru Dec. 2016 (859,304.25)

Obligations: (10,000,000.00)

Total Expenditures and Obligations **(\$21,959,823.56)**

Estimated Fund Balance December 31, 2016 **\$253,360.03**

*Budgetary figures represent financial data reports available at the time of printing.

State Land Acquisition Fund as of October 31, 2016

Fund Balance July 1, 2016		\$12,175,038.91
Appropriation for State Land Acquisition Compensation Fund	\$ -	
Real Estate Transfer Tax:		
Actual - July - September 2016	\$ 1,775,025.34	
Projected -October 2016 - June 2017	<u>\$ 5,300,000.00</u>	
Total	\$ 7,075,025.34	
Interest Earned on Fund		
Actual - July 2016	\$ -	
Projected - July 2016 - June 2017	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	
Total	\$ 30,000.00	
Actual Reimbursements:		
TVA	\$ 50,000.00	
Friends of Fall Creek	\$ 10,000.00	
	\$ -	
Lampley lease payment	\$ 250.00	
Federal reimbursements	\$ -	
Tennessee Elk River closing cost reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,198.31</u>	
Total	\$ 61,448.31	
Reimbursements Due:		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total	\$ -	
Total Revenues		\$ 7,166,473.65
Expenditures & Obligations:		
Transfer to State Land Acquisition Compensation Fund(projected)	\$ 145,000.00	
Transfer to Tennessee Civil War Preservation - public chapter 425	\$ 250,000.00	
Transfer to Tennessee Civil War and Historic Property - public chapter 1059	\$ -	
Expenditures:		
Land	\$ 4,298,962.00	
Land closing costs	<u>\$ 409,300.53</u>	
Reallocation Due:		
	\$ -	
Total	\$ -	
Obligations:		
SBC Approved projects as of December 2, 2016	\$ 10,265,261.30	
Committee Approved projects as of December 2, 2016	\$ -	
Projects held for future consideration	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Obligations	\$ 10,265,261.30	
Total Expenditures & Obligations:		<u>\$15,368,523.83</u>
Estimated Fund Balance November 30, 2016		<u>\$ 3,972,988.73</u>

STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND

FUND BALANCE

January 2015 to December 2016

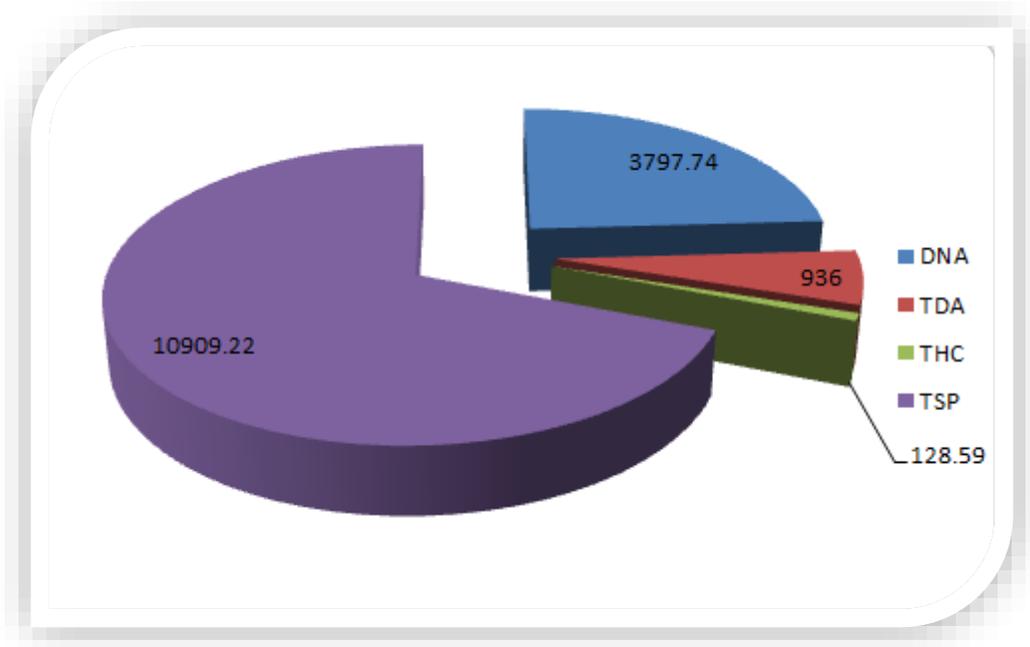
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MONTH	YEAR	DEPOSITS FROM		INTEREST	FUND		DISBURSEMENTS	OTHER REIMBURSEMENT	CASH BALANCE
		LAND TRANSFER	LICENSE PLATES		ADJUSTMENTS	DISBURSEMENTS			
January	2015	327,403.54	0.00	729.31	0.00	(20,195.60)	50.00	10,683,873.26	
February	2015	305,085.99	0.00	790.71	0.00	(134,540.80)	50.00	10,855,259.16	
March	2015	439,233.85	0.00	823.64	0.00	(9,974.15)	50.00	11,285,392.50	
April	2015	452,660.99	0.00	709.37	0.00	(1,009,947.00)	0.00	10,728,815.86	
May	2015	496,282.25	0.00	702.50	0.00	(529,786.45)	0.00	10,696,014.16	
June	2015	590,945.18	0.00	717.40	0.00	(729,242.57)	0.00	10,558,434.17	
July	2015	557,868.79	0.00	870.02	-395,000.00	(742,500.00)	50.00	9,979,722.98	
August	2015	544,298.71	0.00	1,000.79	0.00	(336,068.25)	360.00	10,189,314.23	
Sept.	2015	505,786.82	0.00	1,143.86	0.00	(72,944.25)	50.00	10,623,350.66	
October	2015	465,647.44	0.00	1,325.52	0.00	(38,883.81)	50.00	11,051,489.81	
November	2015	410,338.03	0.00	1,512.05	0.00	(694,455.23)	50.00	10,768,934.66	
December	2015	526,322.67	0.00	1,853.30	0.00	(614,665.00)	50.00	10,682,495.63	
2015 Sub Total		5,621,874.26	0.00	12,178.47	(395,000.00)	(4,933,203.11)	760.00		
January	2016	443,643.42	0.00	2,329.74	0.00	(31,342.30)	50.00	11,097,176.49	
February	2016	375,983.83	0.00	2,430.45	0.00	(58,921.94)	50.00	11,416,718.83	
March	2016	466,377.41	0.00	2,721.33	0.00	(13,816.19)	50.00	11,872,051.38	
April	2016	575,095.21	0.00	2,643.89	0.00	(6,771.00)	10,034.00	12,453,053.48	
May	2016	637,980.61	0.00	2,889.47	0.00	(254,144.31)	50.00	12,839,829.25	
June	2016	613,610.54	0.00	3,090.90	-451,442.38	(486,919.80)	250.00	12,518,418.51	
July	2016	558,527.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,384,729.20)	50.00	11,692,266.74	
August	2016	637,361.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,288,396.68)	1,248.31	11,042,480.17	
September	2016	579,136.11	0.00	0.00	-145,000.00	(26,383.16)	50.00	11,450,283.12	
October	2016	579,227.39	0.00	0.00	-250,000.00	(121,513.57)	50.00	11,658,046.94	
November	2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,926,489.92)	60,050.00	9,791,607.02	
December	2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,791,607.02	
2016 Sub Total		5,466,943.75	0.00	16,105.78	(846,442.38)	(5,599,428.07)	71,932.31		
2015-2016 Totals		11,088,818.01	0.00	28,284.25	(1,241,442.38)	(10,532,631.18)	72,692.31		

* Reimbursements are considered reimbursements from matches, grants, private donations or state/federal funding, and not part of the tax revenues

Distribution and Impact of the State lands Acquisition Fund

Over the past two years the SLAF has impacted one of the three land managing agencies: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Seen in the graph below, the bulk of the impact falls to the management responsibilities of Tennessee State Parks. The acquisition total for the two year span is 15,771.55 acres. Tennessee State Parks acquired 10,909.22 acres, or 69% of the lands purchased through the State lands Acquisition Fund. 3,797.74 acres, or 24% of the purchased lands, are now being managed out of the Division of Natural Areas, or management collaboration between the Division of State Parks and Natural Areas. Of the remaining lands acquired, State Forestry now manages 5% (936 acres) and Historic Sites make up .9%, or 128.59 acres.



State Lands Acquisition Fund Completed Projects

State Natural Areas

Transaction	Acres	Land Cost	County	Div	Location	Project Type	Deed Date	SLAF Expenses
14-02-006	43.75	\$269,500.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	Acquisition	22-May-15	\$39,195.25
14-03-006	24.97	\$190,000.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	Acquisition	22-May-15	
14-05-011	52.22	\$57,442.00	Hardin	DNA	Walker Branch	Acquisition	3-Feb-15	
14-11-018	11.49	\$250,000.00	Davidson	DNA	Couchville Cedar Glades	Acquisition	15-May-15	\$244,701.00
14-11-019	24.31	\$380,000.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	Acquisition	8-May-15	\$397,424.50
15-03-015	146.44	\$575,000.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	Acquisition	18-Dec-15	\$600,082.00
15-07-002	407.63	\$0.00	Coffee	DNA	May Prairie	Acquisition by Transfer	4-Mar-16	
15-11-013	3,075.00	-	Franklin	DNA	Sherwood	Acquisition	14-Nov-16	\$377,000.00
16-05-009	11.93	\$95,440.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	Acquisition	12-Dec-16	\$2,000.00
	3797.74			DNA Total				\$1,660,402.75

TN Historic Commission

11-06-007	4.89	-	Williamson	THC	Battle of Franklin	Easement	5-Dec-16	\$200.00
12-11-006	0.45	-	Williamson	THC	Battle of Franklin	Easement	26-Oct-15	\$282.00
13-08-030	38.6	\$460,000.00	Lincoln	THC	Camp Blount	Acquisition	19-Oct-15	\$237,103.50
13-11-016	16.67	\$0.00	Hamilton	THC	Missionary Ridge	Acquisition	27-Jan-16	\$1,300.00
14-04-011	31.22	-	Hamilton	THC	Missionary Ridge	Acquisition	27-Jan-16	\$4,549.00
14-04-012	0.1	\$150,000.00	Maury	THC	James K. Polk Home	Acquisition	8-Jun-15	\$8,249.00
14-04-013	25.36	\$202,880.00	Sumner	THC	Castalian Springs	Acquisition	1-Jul-15	\$221,662.00
14-06-023	0.2	-	Williamson	THC	Battle of Franklin	Easement	13-Nov-15	\$287.00
14-08-020	-	-	Williamson	THC	Battle of Franklin	Easement	16-Sep-16	
15-11-006	11.1	-	Hamilton	THC	Battle of Chattanooga	Easement	28-Sep-16	
	128.59			THC Total				\$473,632.50

TN State Parks

10-04-012	506.59	\$550,000.00	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	16-Sep-15	\$126,288.00
10-10-004	-	-	Bledsoe	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	22-Sep-15	
11-04-010	52.62	-	Grundy	TSP	Savage Gulf	Easement	13-Dec-16	\$2,800.00
11-05-013	-0.66	-	Franklin	TSP	Tims Ford	Disposal	15-Aug-16	\$399.44
11-05-015	-3.04	-	Franklin	TSP	Tims Ford	Disposal	9-Apr-15	\$399.44
11-05-016	-1.33	-	Franklin	TSP	Tims Ford	Disposal	8-Aug-16	\$399.44
11-05-018	-1.13	-	Franklin	TSP	Tims Ford	Disposal	15-Aug-16	\$399.44
11-06-013	0	\$0.00	multiple	TSP	statewide	License	3-Jun-15	
12-01-003	204	\$0.00	Humphreys	TSP	Johnsonville	License	8-Jul-15	
12-07-024	106.6	\$220,000.00	Grundy	TSP	Savage Gulf	Acquisition	3-Jun-16	\$257,368.36
12-08-012	3.46	-	DeKalb	TSP	Edgar Evins	Acquisition	24-Mar-16	\$321.00
12-08-013	-3.46	-	DeKalb	TSP	Edgar Evins	Disposal	24-Mar-16	
13-05-003	53.22	\$75,000.00	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	21-Dec-15	\$90,728.57
13-05-005	1	\$0.00	Unicoi	TSP	Rocky Fork	Acquisition	18-May-16	\$1,606.50
13-05-006	333.53	\$500,400.00	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	24-Jul-15	\$98,604.24
13-09-017	80.95	\$134,400.00	Grundy	TSP	Savage Gulf	Acquisition	5-Jun-15	\$157,052.00
13-10-012	7.48	-	White	TSP	Burgess Falls	Acquisition	26-Jan-15	\$6,562.00
13-10-013	18.01	\$820,000.00	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	Acquisition	19-Feb-15	\$400.00
14-02-007	248.6	\$398,464.00	Claiborne	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	4-May-15	\$129,974.24
14-02-009	0.01	-	Hamblen	TSP	Panther Creek	Disposal	21-May-15	
14-05-015	-	-	DeKalb	TSP	Edgar Evins	Lease	24-Apr-15	
14-05-016	5,900.00	\$0.00	DeKalb	TSP	Edgar Evins	Lease	27-Feb-15	\$602.00
14-06-020	168.63	\$255,000.00	DeKalb	TSP	Edgar Evins	Acquisition	22-Aug-16	\$283,583.00
14-06-021	18.38	-	Carter	TSP	Sycamore Shoals	Acquisition	20-Nov-15	\$2,200.00
14-08-002	-140.31	-	Coffee	TSP	Old Stone Fort	Disposal	23-Feb-16	\$1,108.60
14-08-002A	19.82	-	Coffee	TSP	Old Stone Fort	Easement	24-Feb-16	
14-08-017	48.7	\$107,140.00	Rhea	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	14-Sep-15	\$117,083.13
14-10-018	61.47	\$155,000.00	Morgan	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	29-Jun-15	\$174,322.00
14-10-019	80.4	-	Polk	TSP	Hiwassee Scenic River	Easement	15-Aug-16	\$500.00
14-11-020	4.56	\$27,300.00	Van Buren	TSP	Fall Creek Falls	Acquisition	18-Feb-16	\$36,157.00
14-11-021	420.79	\$550,000.00	Grundy	TSP	Savage Gulf	Acquisition	16-Jul-15	\$562,999.90
15-03-010	34.19	\$264,000.00	Davidson	TSP	Long Hunter	Acquisition	30-Jul-15	\$282,259.00
15-03-013	5.05	\$110,000.00	White	TSP	Burgess Falls	Acquisition	21-Aug-15	\$123,754.45

15-03-014	12.67	\$133,000.00	Wilson	TSP	Cedars of Lebanon	Acquisition	31-Aug-15	\$146.29
15-03-017	221.93	\$600,000.00	Campbell	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	21-Dec-15	\$668,907.00
15-06-028	296.21	\$1,100,000.00	Lawrence	TSP	David Crockett	Acquisition	24-Aug-16	\$1,145,995.00
15-06-030	15.19	-	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	Acquisition	6-Jun-16	\$2,435.00
15-06-031	172.41	\$310,000.00	Claiborne	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	11-Sep-15	\$66,649.50
15-06-032	223.79	\$391,484.80	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	23-Sep-16	\$418,614.30
15-07-010	680.49	\$1,000,000.00	White	TSP	Dog Creek Cove	Acquisition	14-Nov-16	\$869,676.50
15-08-026a	1.02	\$150,000.00	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	Acquisition	18-Aug-16	
15-08-026B	19.57	\$1,210,000.00	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	Acquisition	18-Aug-16	\$96,604.63
15-08-028	3.78	\$140,000.00	Fentress	TSP	Sergeant Alvin C. York	Acquisition	12-Apr-16	\$156,219.50
16-07-004	1,034.03	-	Rhea	TSP	Cumberland Trail	Acquisition	28-Dec-16	\$54,600.00
TSP15-0015	-	-	Carter	TSP	Roan Mountain	Agreement	15-Jun-15	
	10909.22			TSP Total				\$5,937,719.47

STATE LAND ACQUISITION FUND - ACTIVE PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME	ACRES	COUNTY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Billy Spangler & Sara Fuller	7.00	Anderson	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Ben & Melinda Baird	3.50	Anderson	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Paul Baxter tract	11.00	Campbell	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Zla & James Gipson	5.50	Campbell	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Trail easement disposal - City of Elizabethton	1.73	Carter	Disposal of trail at Sycamore Shoals
Sycamore Shoals easement - Mt. State Health		Carter	Easement at Sycamore Shoals
Sycamore Shoals easement - Hankin		Carter	Easement at Sycamore Shoals
Sycamore Shoals - Shelving Rock	9.36	Carter	Acquisition of Revolutionary War encampment sites
Hughes tract at Roan (appraisal only)	25.30	Carter	Appraisal at Roan Mountain
Lone Star - Cumberland Trail	1,297.00	Cumberland	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Smurfitt Stone - Cumberland Trail timber rights	1,297.00	Cumberland	Timber rights for the Lone Star tract
Kemmer Tract easement	0.08	Cumberland	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Rowell Tract	19.20	Cumberland	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Cumberland Mt. transfer to Forestry	4.00	Cumberland	Cumberland Mountain transfer to Forestry
Cumberland Mt- Douglas appraisal	0.70	Cumberland	Appraisal at Cumberland Mountain
Grassy Cove - gift	956.00	Cumberland	Donation at Cumberland Trail
Mt. View natural area addition	0.30	Davidson	Protection of natural area
Stricker tract	12.00	Fentress	Acquisition at Pogue Creek Canyon
Odum tract	7.00	Fentress	Acquisition at Pogue Creek Canyon
Hawkins Cove - CSX	13.45	Franklin	Donation of former CSX line for trail
Shady Valley, Clem tract appraisal	100.00	Grundy	Appraisal of in-holding at Savage Gulf
Shady Valley, Henley tract appraisal	765.85	Grundy	Appraisal at Savage Gulf
Panther Creek - Carter disposal	0.02	Hamblen	Disposal of driveway at Panther Creek
CT - Audubon	383.00	Hamilton	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Williams Island lease		Hamilton	Renewal of TN River Gorge Trust lease
Pickwick - cemetery		Hardin	Expansion of cemetery
Natchez Trace transfer to Forestry	0.50	Henderson	Natchez Trace transfer
Dixson tracts	1,040.00	Marion	Acquisition of three adjacent tracts at Fiery Gizzard
THC - Weaver	90.00	Maury	Donation of conservation easement at Spring Hill
Montgomery Bell State Park-Spann	124.00	Montgomery	Conservation easements at Montgomery Bell
Lost Creek Bait Shop encroachment	0.01	Moore	Encroachment at Tims Ford
Wartburg acquisition	22.00	Morgan	Land swap for the Cumberland Trail
Wartburg disposal	-11.00	Morgan	Land swap for the Cumberland Trail
McPeters tract at Frozen Head	73.00	Morgan	Acquisition at Frozen Head
Window Cliffs-Porter	3.00	Putnam	Acquisition to protect viewshed at Window Cliffs
Nash appraisal	70.00	Putnam	Appraisal at Burgess Falls
Sliger tract	75.00	Putnam	Acquisition at Burgess Falls
Gardner Hwy 30	330.00	Rhea	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Gardner Uplands	100.00	Rhea	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Gardner Uplands	50.00	Rhea	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
Iron Properties	11.00	Rhea	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
CT - Albert Trust	42.70	Sequatchie	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail
CT - Talley Trust	121.00	Sequatchie	Acquisition for the development of the Cumberland Trail

Corps of Engineers donation	1.80	Shelby	Donation at T. O. Fuller
Sacerno tract at Rocky Fork	22.61	Unicoi	Acquisition at Rocky Fork
Harris-Briggs tract	18.00	Unicoi	Acquisition at Rocky Fork
Trail of Tears donation	114.00	Van Buren	Donation for Trail of Tears
Fall Creek Falls – Owl Hole	10.00	Van Buren	Acquisition of in-holding at Fall Creek Falls
Fall Creek Falls – Waterfall Hollow	25.00	Van Buren	Acquisition of in-holding at Fall Creek Falls
Fall Creek Falls - Indian Camp	107.00	Van Buren	Acquisition of in-holding at Fall Creek Falls
FCF - Grandview	84.00	Van Buren	Acquisition at Fall Creek Falls
Viola	2.00	Warren	Disposal of roadside park
Fall Creek Falls- Foster tract	1.00	White	Acquisition of river access
Sergio appraisal	5.00	White	Appraisal at Burgess Falls
Lorings Advance	4.89	Williamson	Conservation easement for the Battle of Franklin
Sellers Farm - Daniels tract	18.99	Wilson	Acquisition at Sellars Farm

SLAF Distribution Map

COUNTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE
STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND
AND CONSIDERED CLOSED OR HAVING FUNDING OBLIGATED IN THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2016



Legend

SLAF

- Counties
- Counties with obligated funding
- Counties with Closed projects
- Counties being Closed and Obligated projects

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Land and Water

Conservation Fund

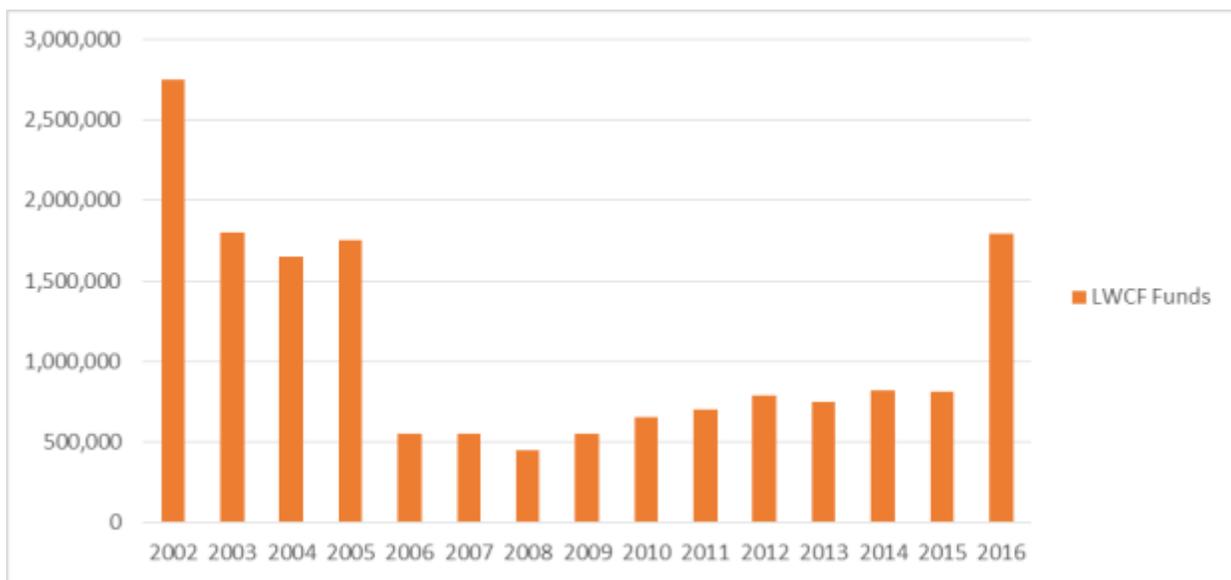


Roan Mountain State Park Playground Renovation

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federally funded program of the Department of the Interior that began when President Kennedy, on February 14, 1963, proposed legislation that would establish a “Land and Water Conservation Fund” to assist States in planning, acquisition and development of recreation resources and to finance new Federal recreation lands. The bill was passed and signed into law on September 3, 1964, as Public Law 88-578, 16 U.S.C. 460/-4. The Act established a funding source for both Federal acquisition of park and recreation lands and matching grants to state and local governments for recreation planning, acquisition and development. It set requirements for state planning and provided a formula for allocating annual LWCF appropriations to the states and territories. As a result, Section 6(f)(3) of the Act states unequivocally that grant-assisted areas are to remain forever available for “public outdoor recreation use,” or be replaced by lands of equal market value and recreation usefulness.

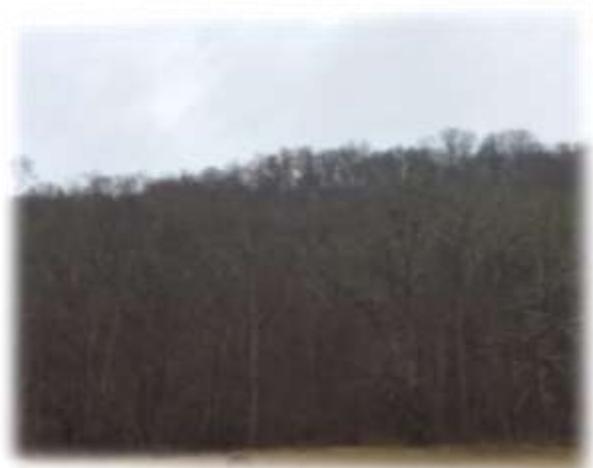
The amount of funding for LWCF has vacillated over the years with a maximum achieved in **FY 1978 of \$369 million**. Although LWCF was to sunset on September 30, 2015, Congress recently reauthorized the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for three more years. In FY 2016 this funding equaled approximately almost \$95 million. See the chart below for LWCF funding.



The availability of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) have helped to continue an investment in local Tennessee communities, however the reduction in LWCF will drastically affect the ability of local governments to receive funding to renovate and upgrade recreation facilities across the state.

Tennessee is a growing, thriving and diverse place. Our natural heritage is rich, our landscapes are varied, and our communities are interested in making meaningful recreational resources available to all of our citizens. We are proud of our state’s ability to meet the needs and interests of cities and counties – rural, urban and suburban – through our Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF), while addressing the outdoor recreation and land use demands of our state parks through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The compelling future direction that is unfolding in Tennessee is based on the TDEC priorities to help improve the quality of life we enjoy across Tennessee by planning for all Tennesseans and improving our recreation assets throughout the state.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has prepared a state recreation plan every five years since 1965. In that year the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act established a mandate for each state to develop a set of priorities for federal grants to state and local parks and other recreation projects. The scope of the 2016 Update of the Tennessee 2020 Plan, which has been a 10-year over-arching, visionary document, is to maintain continuity of quality in the state’s parks and recreation infrastructure, by integrating a set of multi-level strategies for complex, critical issues facing parks and recreation and resource conservation in Tennessee – both regionally and statewide.



Photos by: Cumberland Trail Ranger Anthony Jones

The Ella Wilson property was purchased with LWCF funds. These pictures are near the highest elevation on the subject property, on the northern boundary of the property.

LWCF State Park Playground Renovation Projects



Cumberland Mountain State Park Playground Renovation



Frozen Head State Park Playground Renovation

January 2014-December 2016

Completed LWCF Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Cedars of Lebanon State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	C
Cumberland Mountain State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	C
Cumberland Trail State Park	Cumberland Trail SA Alternative Acquisition	Cumberland Trail SA Alternative Acquisition	\$179,598.00	East	C
Cumberland Trail State Park	Cumberland Trail MoyToy Acquisition	Land Acquisition	\$323,276.00	East	C
Cumberland Trail State Park	Cumberland Trail State Park Soak Creek Acquisition	Cumberland Trail State Park Soak Creek Tact Acquisition	\$550,766.00	East	C
David Crockett State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	C
Edgar Evins State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	C
Frozen Head State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	C
Henry Horton State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	C
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	C
Natchez Trace State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	C
Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	C
Norris Dam State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	C
Pickett State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	C
Pickwick Landing State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	C
Reelfoot Lake State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	C
Roan Mountain State park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	C
Standing Stone State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	C
T.O. Fuller State Park	Construction of Nature Center	Construct a Nature Center including access road and parking	\$400,000.00	West	C
T.O. Fuller State Park	Sprayground	Develop T.O. Fuller Sprayground	\$70,000.00	West	C

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Ongoing LWCF Projects

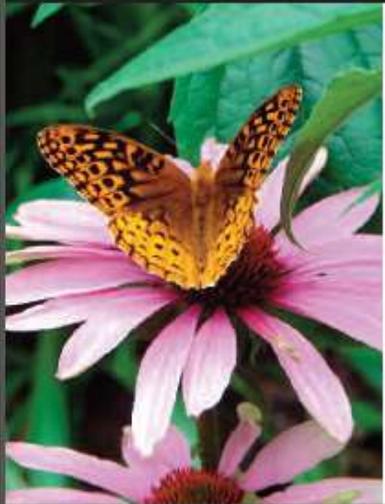
Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Chickasaw State Park	Chickasaw State Park Playground	Replace Playground	\$50,000.00	West	P
Cumberland Trail State Park	Construction and Acquisition North	Acquisition of 300 acres for the development of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail. Including construction of 10 miles of foot trail and 4 backcountry camping sites.	\$100,000.00	East	P
Cumberland Trail State Park	Cumberland Trail Bridges and Trail	Cumberland Trail bridges, trail, land acquisition and equipment	\$715,482.00	East	P
Fall Creek Falls State Park	Fall Creek Falls Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$50,000.00	East	P
Mousetail Landing State Park	Mousetail Landing Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$50,000.00	Middle	P
Norris Dam State Park	Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park	Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park Playground Replacement	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
South Cumberland State Park	South Cumberland State Park Playground Replacement	Replace Playground	\$50,000.00	Middle	P
TDEC	State Recreation Plan Update 2015	State Recreation Plan Update 2015	\$35,236.00	Middle	P
T.O. Fuller State Park	T.O. Fuller State Park Playground Replacement	Replace Playground	\$50,000.00	West	P

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