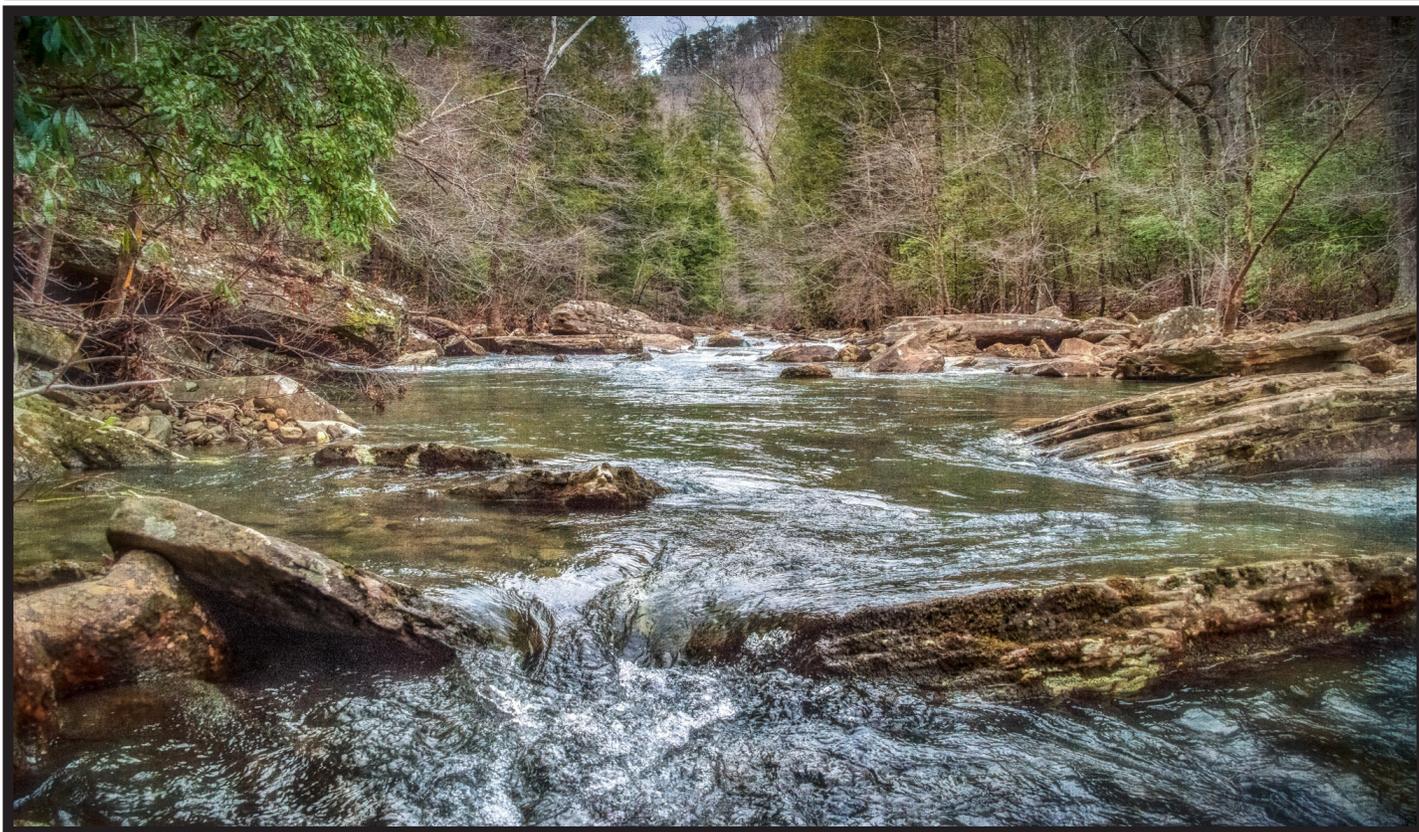


STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND  
AND  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
2-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT



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# Executive Summary

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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 Tennessee. Since the adoption of the real estate transfer tax, the SLAF has helped facilitate collaborative land purchases involving multiple funding sources, nonprofit agencies and state agencies.

Funding sources have included the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, Forest Legacy Program, American Battlefield Protection Program, Federal Highway Department, Tennessee Department of Transportation's Recreation and Trails and Viewshed Programs, private investment and nonprofit organizations. Without the work of nonprofit organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, Conservation Fund, The Land Trust for Tennessee, Tennessee Greenways and Trails, Trust for Public Lands and the Cumberland Trail Conference, the partnership between the state and these third parties has been incredibly important.

Over the past two years, the State Land Acquisition Fund (SLAF) has acquired 5,689.68 acres to be managed as state natural areas, state parks, state forests, state historic sites, and state archaeological sites. The SLAF has provided, through the real estate transfer tax, approximately \$7,058,497.35 toward the protection of these lands.

The protection of these acres could not have been accomplished had it not been matching the SLAF with \$11,035,459.84 of other funding sources mentioned above, not including donations\*

The following report will give you a more detailed and enlightened view into 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.

\* Although not closed by the time of this report, it is expected that an additional acres will be acquired by the end of this year.

# History of the State Lands Acquisition Fund

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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 Tennessean's 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 Resources 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: Wetland's 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 of 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.

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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 Committee. 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.

History shows that there has been increasing threats to Tennessee's rich biological and cultural resources. In the last two fiscal years, the SLAF has been leveraged with Federal, State, Non-profit and Private dollars, reaching thirty (30) counties.

# 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....

# Historical Sites: Fort Redman

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Tennessee Red River Blockhouse Number One, also known as Fort Redmond, is listed as is a National Register Site and as a Tennessee Division of Archeology site (# 40RB81).

In 1861, Tennessee Confederate troops guarded the important railroad bridge at Adams, but with the fall of Forts



Henry and Donelson to Union forces in February 1862, the Confederacy abandoned the bridge site and eventually Nashville and Clarksville as well. It was at this point that the Federal Army began to build fortifications at the City of Adams Red River trestle sites in middle Tennessee.

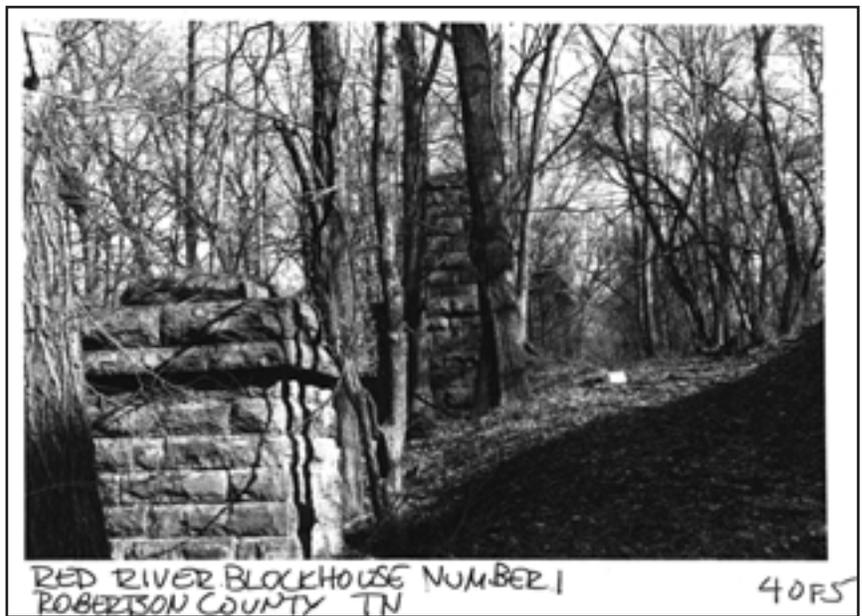
Red River Blockhouse Number One is important in the study of military history in Tennessee as it is a physical representation of the Union defensive strategy to protect the railroad supply lines from the Ohio River to Nashville. The result of this strategy was construction of stockades and later upgraded with blockhouses at many of the bridge crossings and tunnels between Louisville and Nashville. This fortification and trestle site on the Red River is an excellent example of that strategy as not only a part of the blockhouse earthwork remains, but the railroad cut and trestle abutments are also extant.

The blockhouse site is an excellent example of the Union army's strategy. The union command believed the route important enough to keep it manned throughout the entire war in case it was attacked by Confederates who wanted to stop the transportation of military goods into Tennessee.

Confederates attacked the fortification several times and at least once captured it for a short period until Federal forces retook the position. In 1865, the white troops guarding the bridge were replaced with Tennessee United States Colored Troops who remained there until the end of the war in April 1865.

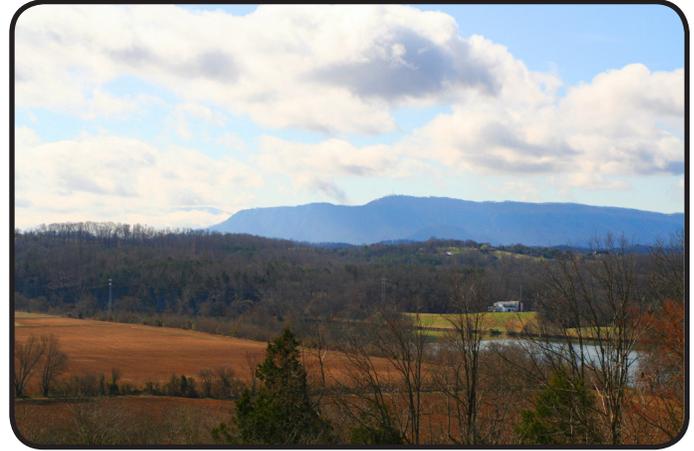
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Today, the remaining blockhouse earthwork, railroad cut, five limestone bridge abutments and the original railroad grade, is an important part of Tennessee's Civil War heritage and is the only known extant blockhouse site remaining that was constructed to defend the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. This small blockhouse site in Robinson County is a significant and tangible reminder of a once formidable Civil War defensive network.



# State Parks: Seven Islands State Birding Park

The diverse natural landscape of aquatic and grassland habitats makes Seven Islands State Birding Park a premier birding destination with more than 180 species of birds sighted. The park encompasses 425 acres along the French Broad River in Knox County, approximately 19 miles east of Knoxville. This peninsula of land features more than eight miles of natural trails, rolling hills and views of the Smoky Mountains. In addition to being a wildlife refuge popular for hiking and wildlife observation, the park is a research and educational facility for schools and other groups and a demonstration area for land use and habitat management techniques.



Songbirds, hawks and waterfowl can be seen along the meadow trails and several old barns are a favorite refuge for Barn Owls. For paddlers and anglers, there is a small canoe/kayak launch that provides access to the French Broad River.



The lands comprising the Seven Islands State Birding Park were acquired in 2002 as a wildlife refuge through a cooperative effort of the Seven Islands Foundation, a non-profit land conservancy, and the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department. The vision, goals and objectives of the Seven Islands Foundation included preservation of this property as a wildlife sanctuary and ref-

uge. The State of Tennessee will continue to manage this as a state park for native flora and fauna and low impact, non-consumptive, outdoor activities for enjoyment of the wildlife diversity and natural beauty of Seven Islands. Seven Islands became the 56th Tennessee State Park in September 2013.



# Natural Areas: Virgin Falls

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Virgin Falls is a 1,157-acre natural area located in White County. The natural area is named for Virgin Falls, which is formed by an underground stream that emerges from a cave, and then drops over a 110-foot high cliff before disappearing into another cave at the bottom of the sink. The area is noted for its unique geological features



and several (additional) other waterfalls including Big Laurel, Sheep Cave Falls, and Big Branch Falls. The caves at Virgin Falls include Big Laurel, Sheep Cave and Virgin Falls Cave. The sink-holes at Virgin Falls, such as Virgin Falls Sink and Sheep Cave Sink, are characteristic of karst features found on the Cumberland Plateau. The Caney Fork River and its tributaries drain the area and contribute to the formation of the gorge. The Caney Fork Overlook provides a dramatic view of Scott's Gulf and the Caney Fork River 900 ft. below.

Hiking to Virgin Falls and back to the parking area takes five to eight hours hike depending on your pace and whether you hike to the Caney Fork Overlook and/or the Caney Fork River. The trail leaving the parking area meanders down to the Big Branch of the Big Laurel Creek through an upland oak hickory/chestnut oak hardwood forest crisscrossing a fern-dominated upland drainage. Upon descending into the gorge the vegetation changes to hemlock and mixed mesophytic forest which includes maples, oaks, tulip poplar, hickories, buckeye, bass-

wood, cherry, yellow birch, sycamore and many other species. Mountain laurel, magnolia and several ericaceous shrubs (such as various wild blueberries) are common along the trail. The trails pass by small rock houses, boulder fields, sinks, caves, and waterfalls on route to Virgin Falls where the trail ends. The distance to Virgin Falls is four miles one way. There are designated camp sites but no camping allowed above Virgin Falls. The streams at Virgin Falls are noted for flash flooding.

Virgin Falls is within the greater Scott's Gulf region and adjacent to the Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wideness Area. Previously a Bowater Pocket Wilderness Area and designated as a state natural area in 1973, the state was finally able to purchase the property in October of 2012 with the assistance from the TN Parks and Greenways Foundation. The forests and geologic features make Virgin Falls one of Tennessee's favorite destinations.



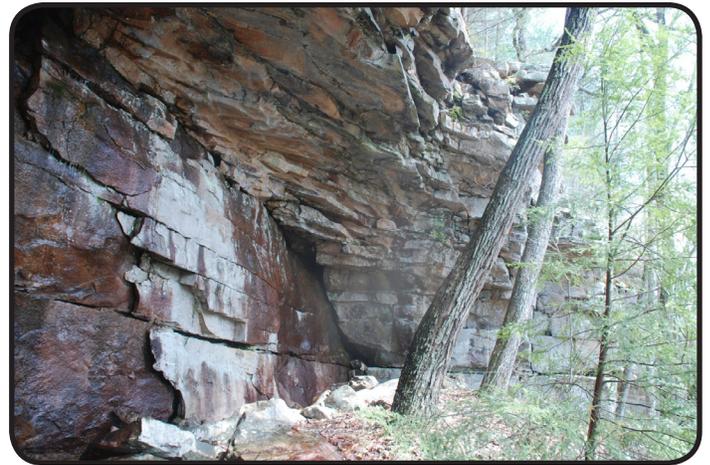
Virgin Falls was acquired using a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The acquisition will aid the recovery and conservation goals of four federal listed species: Virginia spiraea, Cumberland rosemary, Indiana bat and Bluemask darter, by purchasing, protecting, and managing 1,551 acres of privately owned forestlands containing habitat and occurrences of the target species. The acquisition will permanently prevent degradation of the habitat for these species. TWRA will manage 479 acres of the project area as part of the Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness Area and 1,133 acres will be managed as the Virgin Falls State Natural Area.



## State Forest:

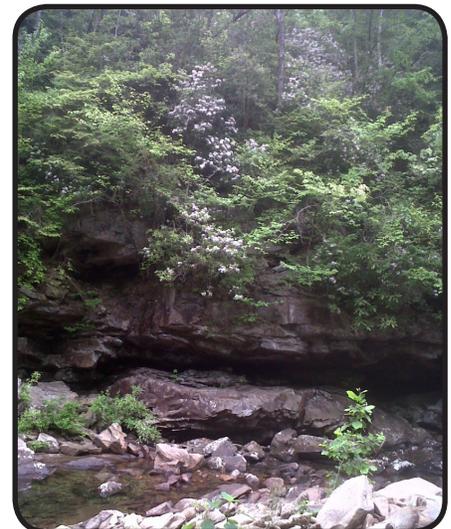
# State Scenic Trail: Cumberland Trail

The Soak Creek acquisition in Rhea County created a dramatic ten-mile passageway for the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, bridging the longest unconnected segment required for the completion of the trail corridor. A volatile real estate market had produced 10 ownership changes in 16 years for the 7,400-acre parent tract, turnover too rapid for State acquisition. In 2013, the Land Trust for Tennessee brought the ability to fit a narrow window of opportunity, and then held the 1,100-acre section selected for State acquisition. The State acquisition was leveraged with 50 percent



funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The benefits of this property include the immediate connection between Stinging Fork Falls State Natural Area, Piney Falls State Natural Area, and the 2000-acre Piney River Resource Management Area of the Cumberland Trail. Listed by TDEC as exceptional waters of Tennessee, more than one mile of Stinging Fork Creek and four miles of Soak Creek are newly protected by State Park management. Whitewater kayakers rate this wilderness route as one of the premiere runs in the Cumberland

Mountains. Hikers of every age and ability will also course through this series of verdant waterways, decorated with high bluff walls above crashing rapids and quiet pools, often along the bench of a 100-year-old logging rail bed, always hugging the scenic stream bank.



# State Park/State Natural Area: Radnor Lake -Houghland

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From January 2013 thru March 2014, 63.5 acres of land was purchased in a partnership between the State of Tennessee, Friends of Radnor Lake and The Land Trust of Tennessee. Located along the southeastern boundary of Radnor Lake near Vanderbilt-Dyer Observatory, this property was purchased in two phases in subsequent years with a 40-acre acquisition closing in May 2013 that protected the last undeveloped hilltop in this area.

A portion of this 40-acre acquisition consisted of a ridgetop within the watershed and viewshed of Radnor Lake that had been a top priority for park management over the past 13 years. Phase Two of this acquisition consisted of an adjoining 23.5 acre parcel primarily of fields deemed critical habitat in the long-term management plan for the wildlife of Radnor Lake State Natural Area.



Shortly after closing on Phase One in May 2013, a research partnership between the Radnor Lake Ranger Staff, Division of State Natural Areas and Penn State University uncovered an endangered plant known as “wild dill”. This plant has since been the focus of 18 months of research with upcoming publications and management guidelines being put in place to protect its discovery on Phase One of the Hideaway Tract.

During the acquisition process of Phase One (40 acres), the park ranger staff led a total of 70+ hikes for over 800 park visitors to help raise funds toward the acquisition of Phase Two. During these land acquisition hikes, Director of State Natural Areas Roger McCoy discovered another endangered plant on the newly acquired property. Known by its common name “copperleaf”, this plant is also now being studied/researched in a joint effort between park management, Roger McCoy and Dr. Rob Loeb from Penn State University.



# Financial Report

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The following pages outline a summary of the financial report for the period November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014. Due to the financial reporting schedule of the state, November and December 2014 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

(as of October 31, 2014)

State Lands Acquisition Fund  
As of October 31, 2014

**Fund Balance July 1, 2014**

**\$ 8,099,331.65**

Appropriation for State Land Acquisition Compensation Fund	\$ -
Real Estate Transfer Tax: (as appropriated)	
Actual - July 2014 - August 2014	\$ 986,757.05
Estimated - September 2014 - June 2015	\$ 4,500,000.00
Total	\$ 5,486,757.05
Interest Earned on Fund	
Actual - July 2014 - October 2014	\$ -
Projected - July 2014 - June 2015	\$ 5,500.00
Total	\$ 5,500.00
Actual Reimbursements:	
Fort Redmond	\$ -
Britts Country Store	\$ 410.00
Davis Bridge	\$ -
Lampley lease payment	\$ 100.00
Federal reimbursements - various lwcf projects	\$ -
Total	\$ 510.00
Reimbursements Due:	
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total	\$ -

**Total Revenues**

**\$ 5,492,767.05**

### Expenditures & Obligations:

Transfer to State Land Acquisition Compensation Fund	\$ 125,000.00
Expenditures:	
Land	\$ 660,717.96
Land closing costs	\$ 41,470.77
Reallocation Due:	
	\$ -
Total	\$ -
Obligations:	
SBC Approved projects as of Nov. 20, 2014	\$ 9,043,252.43
Committee Approved projects as of Nov. 20, 2014	\$ -
Projects held for future consideration	\$ -
Total Obligations	\$ 9,043,252.43

**Total Expenditures & Obligations:**

**\$ 9,870,441.16**

**Estimated Fund Balance October 31, 2014**

**\$ 3,721,657.54**

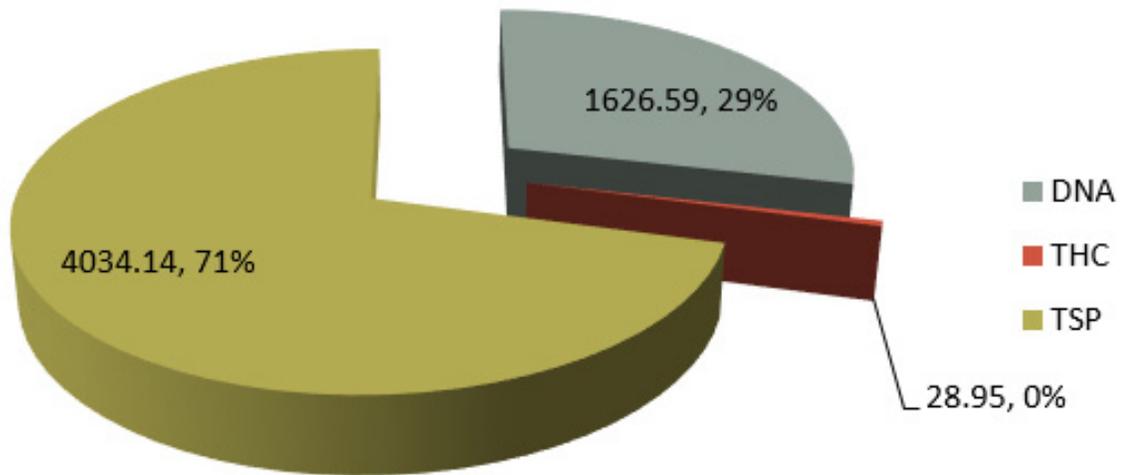
STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND  
FUND BALANCE  
November 2012 to October 2014  
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MONTH	YEAR	DEPOSITS FROM			FUND			OTHER		CASH BALANCE
		TRANSFER TAX	INTEREST	ADJUSTMENTS	DISBURSEMENTS	REIMBURSEMENTS	BALANCE			
November	2012	365,434.86	539.90	0.00	(26,425.30)	1,538,500.00	6,777,316.22			
December	2012	390,337.56	580.60	100,000.00	(119,087.90)	50.00	7,149,196.48			
January	2013	256,703.15	572.58	-100,000.00	(6,525.25)	50.00	7,299,996.96			
February	2013	239,936.42	552.01	0.00	(474.94)	50.00	7,540,060.45			
March	2013	313,581.56	611.88	0.00	(17,198.84)	50.00	7,837,105.05			
April	2013	366,413.54	676.02	0.00	(2,118,524.50)	1,902.00	6,087,572.11			
May	2013	375,450.08	507.77	-1,000.00	0.00	18,300.00	6,480,829.96			
June	2013	327,002.01	475.50	0.00	(12,980.50)	50.00	6,795,376.97			
July	2013	524,746.02	538.97	0.00	(203,484.07)	50.00	7,117,227.89			
August	2013	432,388.78	466.70	0.00	(1,179,591.07)	50.00	6,370,542.30			
Sept.	2013	378,500.08	453.00	0.00	(12,951.50)	50.00	6,736,593.88			
Oct.	2013	399,152.89	458.26	0.00	0.00	50.00	7,136,255.03			
Nov.	2013	378,826.78	462.56	0.00	(199,794.90)	50.00	7,315,799.47			
Dec.	2013	405,447.80	500.12	-125,000.00	(10,108.00)	50.00	7,586,689.39			
<b>2013 Sub Total</b>		<b>4,398,149.11</b>	<b>6,275.37</b>	<b>-226,000.00</b>	<b>-3,761,633.57</b>	<b>20,702.00</b>				
Jan.	2014	292,720.50	533.02	0.00	(1,000,000.00)	10,050.00	6,889,992.91			
Feb.	2014	293,480.87	477.04	0.00	(20,238.26)	50.00	7,163,762.56			
March	2014	350,217.77	499.22	0.00	(257,988.47)	10,050.00	7,266,541.08			
April	2014	431,680.34	435.57	0.00	(305,414.37)	50.00	7,393,292.62			
May	2014	383,777.21	393.44	0.00	(428,989.14)	50.00	7,348,524.13			
June	2014	458,525.15	371.47	0.00	(200,249.00)	835,689.50	8,442,861.25			
July	2014	531,873.76	0.00	-125,000.00	0.00	50.00	8,849,785.01			
August	2014	454,883.29	0.00	0.00	(80,935.62)	410.00	9,224,142.68			
Sept.	2014	449,087.22	0.00	0.00	(3,490.00)	50.00	9,669,789.90			
October	2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	(617,763.11)	50.00	9,052,076.79			
<b>2014 Sub Total</b>		<b>3,646,246.11</b>	<b>2,709.76</b>	<b>-125,000.00</b>	<b>-2,915,067.97</b>	<b>856,499.50</b>				
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8,044,395.22</b>	<b>8,985.13</b>	<b>-351,000.00</b>	<b>-6,676,701.54</b>	<b>877,201.50</b>	<b>9,052,076.79</b>			

# Distribution & Impact of 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 5,689.68 acres. Tennessee State Parks acquired 4034.14 acres, or 71 percent of the lands purchased through the State lands Acquisition Fund. 1626.59 acres, or 29 percent 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, Historic Sites make up .1 percent, or 28.95 acres.

**Percentage of Acres Purchased Based on Division**



## State Lands Acquisition Fund - Active Projects

Case#	County	Site	Type
SLAF10-10-004	Bledsoe	Bowden(SLAF10-10-004)	Acquisition
SLAF14-02-007	Claiborne	Dunn acquisition of 300 acres (SLAF14-02-007)	Acquisition
SLAF13-11-013	Coffee	OSF-Riddle (SLAF13-11-013)	Acquisition
SLAF13-05-006	Cumberland	William & Robert Ware tract	Acquisition
SLAF13-05-003	Cumberland	Moy Toy tract	Acquisition
SLAF10-04-012	Cumberland	Bowden(SLAF10-04-012)	Acquisition
SLAF14-11-018	Davidson	acquisition of 11 acres from Kincaid (SLAF14-11-018)	Acquisition
SLAF13-10-013	Davidson	Harris2@Radnor	Acquisition
SLAF05-09-010	Davidson	MountView(SLAF05-09-010)	Acquisition
SLAF12-08-012	DeKalb	EdgarEvins acquisition	Acquisition
SLAF14-11-019	Fentress	Dietze tract at Pogue (SLAF14-11-019)	Acquisition
SLAF14-03-006	Fentress	TN Parks & Greenways	Acquisition
SLAF14-02-006	Fentress	TN Parks & Greenways	Acquisition
SLAF13-06-011	Franklin	Hawkins Cove CSX Trail AKA Franklin Co. Mtn. Goat Trail	Acquisition
SLAF08-11-019	Franklin	TVA Transfer(SLAF08-11-019)	Acquisition
SLAF14-11-021	Grundy	acquisition north of Stage Coach Road (SLAF14-11-021)	Acquisition
SLAF13-09-017	Grundy	Rhueling tracts (SLAF13-09-017)	Acquisition
SLAF14-04-011	Hamilton	TVRM tracts in Chattanooga (SLAF14-04-011)	Acquisition
SLAF13-11-016	Hamilton	MissionaryRidgeDonation	Acquisition
STOUT@CUMMINS	Jackson	Cummins Falls - Stout tract	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-030	Lincoln	CampBlount	Acquisition
SLAF14-04-012	Mauzy	Orman tract at Polk Home (SLAF14-04-012)	Acquisition
TERPSTRA	Morgan	Terpstra tract on Cumberland Trail	Acquisition
SLAF10-11-012	Morgan	WartburgAcquisition(SLAF10-11-012)	Acquisition
SLAF14-11-017	Putnam	Porter acquisition of 3 acres (SLAF14-11-017)	Acquisition
SLAF14-04-014	Putnam	Durm tract at Window Cliffs (SLAF14-04-014)	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-020	Putnam	Window Cliffs	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-019	Putnam	Window Cliffs	Acquisition
SLAF14-08-019	Rhea	Iron Properties acquisition of 11 acres (SLAF14-08-019)	Acquisition
SLAF14-08-017	Rhea	Dock Smith tract of 47 acres (SLAF14-08-017)	Acquisition
SLAF08-09-015	Rhea	Gardner(SLAF08-09-015)	Acquisition
SLAF08-10-001	Rhea	Gardner(SLAF08-10-001)	Acquisition
SLAF08-09-013	Rhea	GardnerHwy30(SLAF08-09-013)	Acquisition
SLAF14-02-008	Shelby	Corps of Engineers donation of 1.8 acres (SLAF14-02-008)	Acquisition
SLAF0593	Sullivan	Walton acquisition of 6 acres (SLAF0593)	Acquisition
SLAF14-04-013	Sumner	Carter tract at Castalian Springs (SLAF14-04-013)	Acquisition
GILES	Unicoi	acre acquisition for Rocky Fork access	Acquisition
SLAF14-11-020	Van Buren	Medley tract at FCF (SLAF14-11-020)	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-025	Van Buren	FCF - Waterfall Hollow (13-08-025)	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-026	Van Buren	FCF - Indian Camp (SLAF13-08-026)	Acquisition
SLAF13-08-024	Van Buren	FCF - Owl Hole tract (SLAF13-08-024)	Acquisition

# State Lands Acquisition Fund - Completed Projects

## SLAF Completed Projects

### Division of Natural Areas

Acreage	Cost	County	Div	Location	Deed Date	SLAF Expenditures
1,551.20	\$1,825,000.00	White	DNA	Virgin Falls	4-Oct-12	\$300,000.00
16.89	\$130,038.56	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	1-Oct-13	\$139,827.20
58.5	\$245,000.00	Fentress	DNA	Pogue Creek	20-May-14	\$268,517.00
<b>1,626.59</b>	<b>\$2,200,038.56</b>		<b>DNA Total</b>			<b>\$708,344.20</b>

### Division of Historic Commission

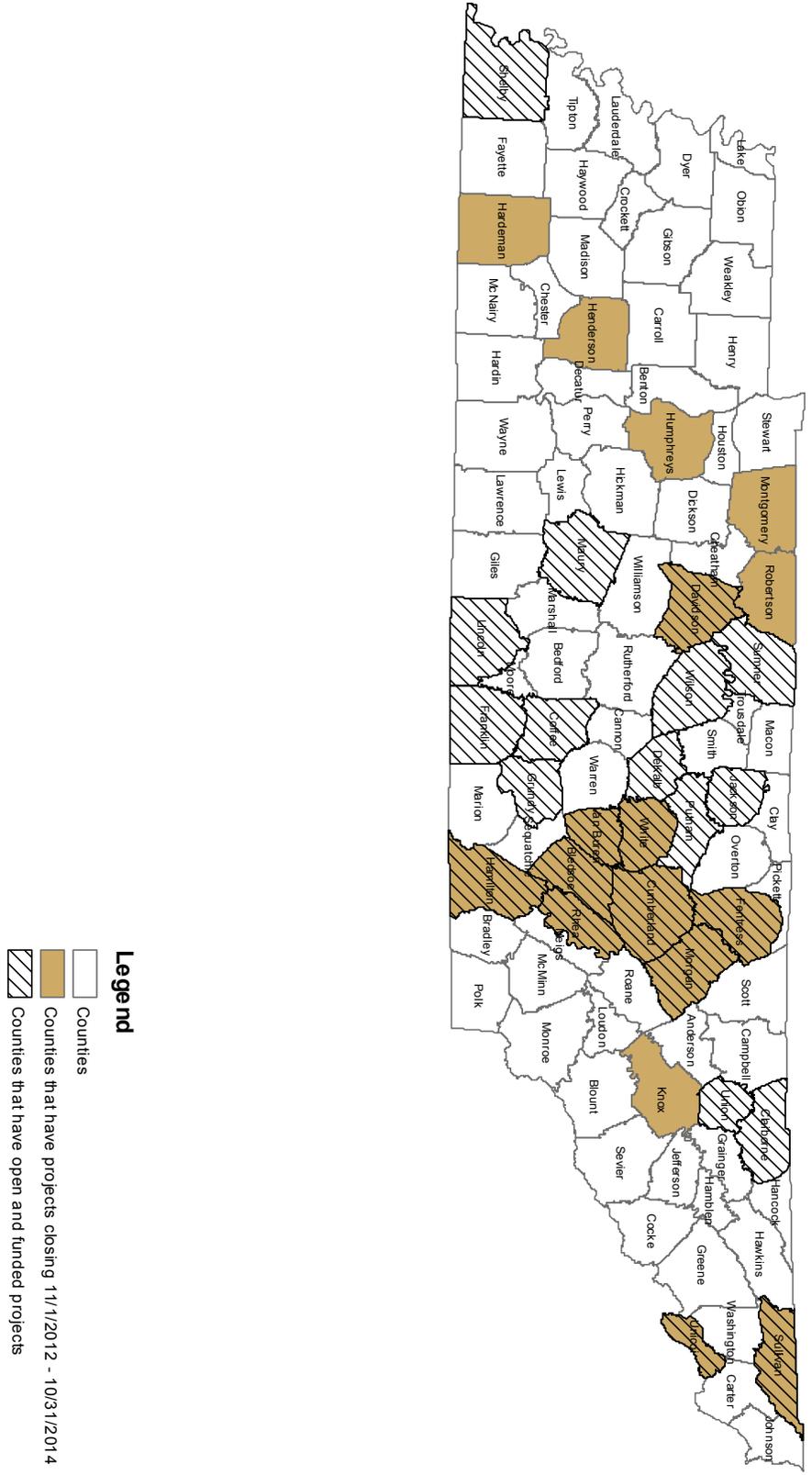
Acreage	Cost	County	Div	Location	Deed Date	SLAF Expenditures
4.53	\$41,000.00	Hardeman	THC	Davis Bridge	28-Dec-12	\$29,324.75
3.5	\$253,000.00	Sullivan	THC	Rocky Mount	30-Aug-13	\$253,000.00
20.46	\$210,000.00	Robertson	THC	Fort Redmond	21-Nov-13	\$196,264.75
0.46 D		Henderson	THC	Parker's Crossroads	21-May-14	\$13,014.13
<b>28.95</b>	<b>\$504,000.00</b>		<b>THC Total</b>			<b>\$491,603.63</b>

### Division of State Parks

Acreage	Cost	County	Div	Location	Deed Date	SLAF Expenditures
20.01	\$89,551.56	Humphreys	TSP	Johnsonville	3-Dec-12	\$94,741.65
40	\$2,999,500.00	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	15-May-13	\$2,017,821.00
10.2	\$79,650.00	White	TSP	Burgess Falls	17-May-13	\$86,026.00
2,036.31 D		Unicoi	TSP	Rocky Fork	1-Jul-13	\$13,701.50
152.32	\$238,688.00	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	29-Jul-13	\$65,424.40
26.81	\$142,837.57	Hamilton	TSP	Cumberland Trail	8-Aug-13	\$152,837.84
23.5	\$1,762,500.00	Davidson	TSP	Radnor Lake	13-Mar-14	\$1,010,000.00
2.85	\$30,500.00	Montgomery	TSP	Dunbar Cave	17-Apr-14	\$39,247.50
120.33	\$132,363.00	Cumberland	TSP	Cumberland Trail	6-May-14	\$189,471.61
63.24 D		Rhea	TSP	Cumberland Trail	28-May-14	\$15,282.00
8.02	\$62,000.00	Van Buren	TSP	Fall Creek Falls	9-Jun-14	\$72,706.50
31.65	\$169,766.00	Morgan	TSP	Frozen Head	20-Jun-14	\$191,754.50
390.82 D		Knox	TSP	Seven Islands	25-Jun-14	\$42,567.00
1.29 D		Knox	TSP	Seven Islands	25-Jun-14	\$3,026.00
25.33 D		Knox	TSP	Seven Islands	25-Jun-14	\$4,632.00
25.92	\$512,000.00	Montgomery	TSP	Dunbar Cave	3-Jul-14	\$512,000.00
5.36	\$193,000.00	Montgomery	TSP	Dunbar Cave	3-Jul-14	\$341,124.26
347.97	\$1,000,165.15	Bledsoe	TSP	Cumberland Trail	28-Jul-14	\$1,005,860.76
702.21	\$918,900.00	Rhea	TSP	Cumberland Trail	4-Aug-14	\$325.00
<b>4034.14</b>	<b>\$8,331,421.28</b>		<b>TSP Total</b>			<b>\$5,858,549.52</b>
<b>5,689.68</b>	<b>\$11,035,459.84</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$7,058,497.35</b>

\*D indicates donated property

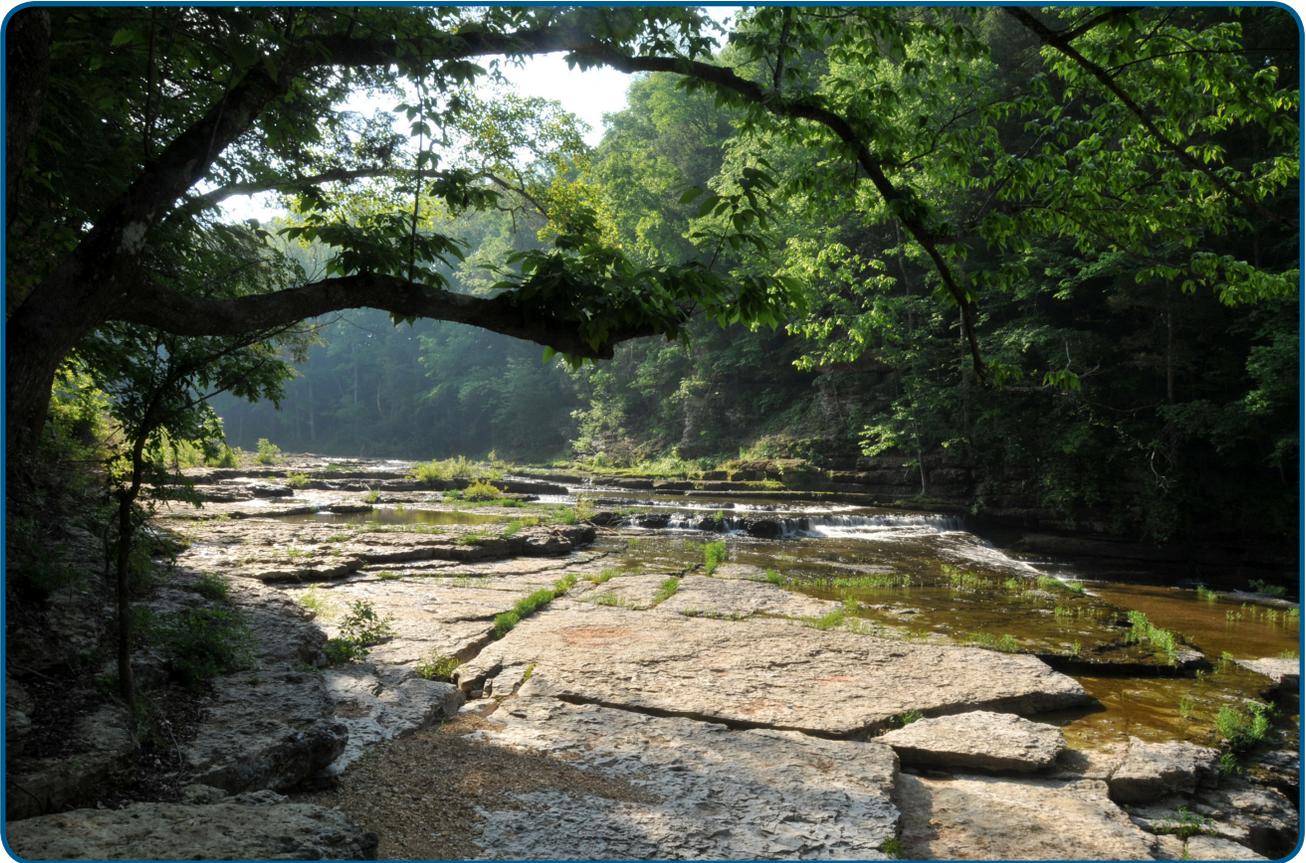
**COUNTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE  
STATE LANDS ACQUISITION FUND (FOR ACQUISITIONS)  
NOVEMBER 1, 2012 TO OCTOBER 31, 2014**



- Legend**
- Counties
  - Counties that have projects closing 11/1/2012 - 10/31/2014
  - Counties that have open and funded projects

# Land and Water Conservation Fund

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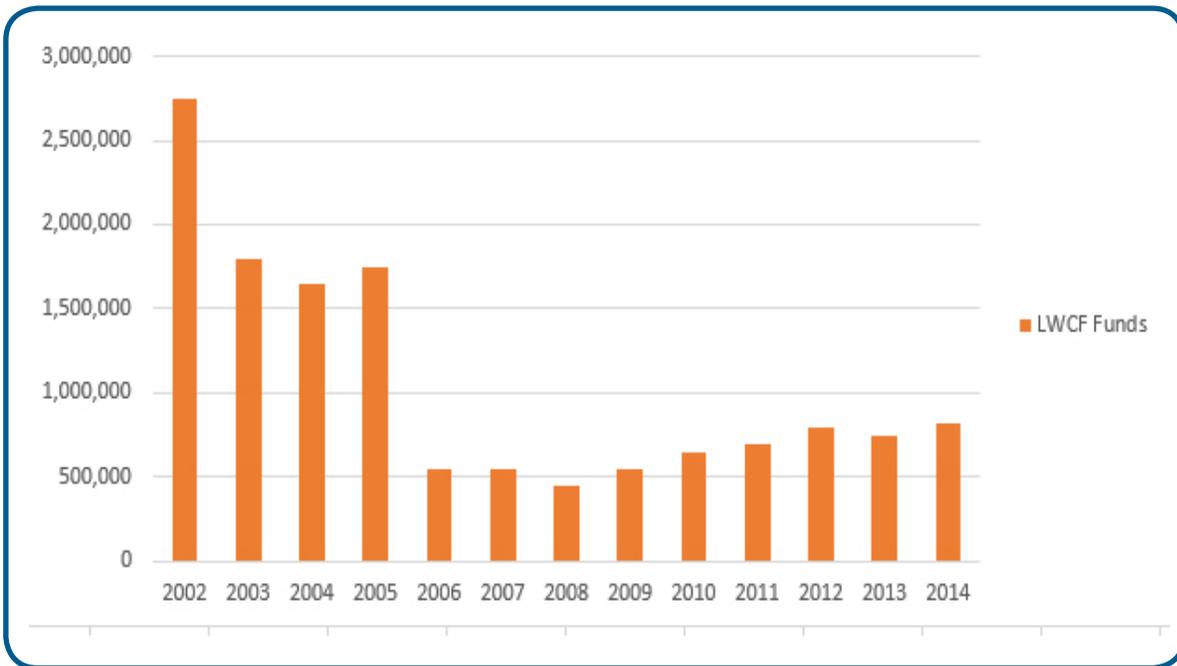
Cummins Falls Land Acquisition

(LWCF)

# Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund 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.

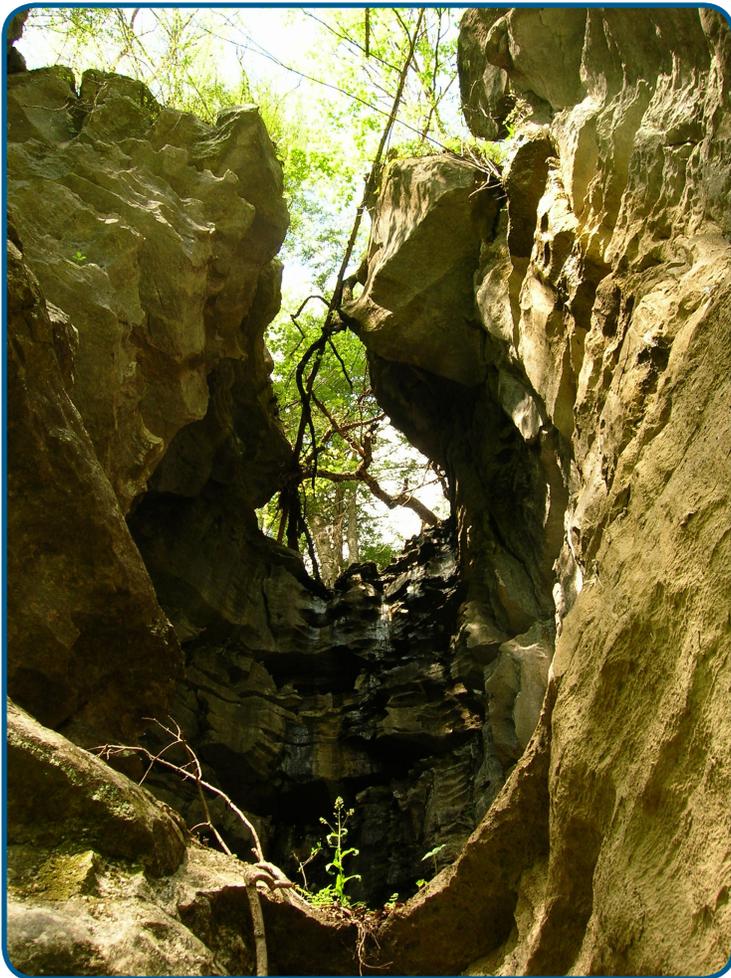
The amount of funding for LWCF has vacillated over the years with a maximum achieved in **FY 1978 of \$369 million**. Unfortunately different administrations and budget constraints have effected a sharp decrease for funding of LWCF. Despite the targeted zero funding for LWCF for the last several years, Congress has managed to include some funding. In FY 2014 this funding equaled approximately **only \$52 million**. See the chart below for LWCF funding.



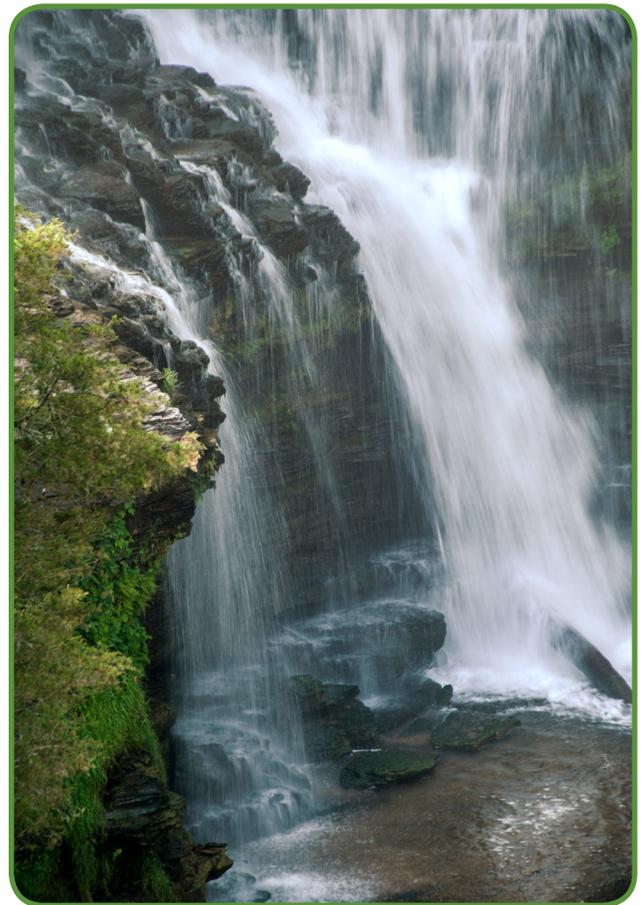
The availability of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) have helped to continue an investment in local Tennessee communities, however the reduction in LWCF will drastically affect the ability of local governments to receive funding to renovate and upgrade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

Tennesseans are losing - losing touch with - the lands and places that set our state apart from the others. The natural resources we cherish are fast disappearing under the pressures of population growth, habitat fragmentation and climate changes. The time has come to help Tennesseans reconnect with the outdoors and protect the places we love. That is why the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program, which provides federal support for local and state conservation and recreation initiatives, is so important.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a state recreation plan every five years since 1965. One of the needs identified in the Tennessee 2020: Parks, People and Landscapes - State Recreation Plan, the need of Tennessee’s cities and counties to provide diverse, close-to-home recreation opportunities for all their residents as evident in the projects highlighted below.



Fiery Gizzard Land Acquisition



Cummins Falls Land Acquisition

# January 2010 - December 2014

## Completed LWCF Projects

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Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
TDEC/RES	TN Recreation Map Publication	Tennessee Recreation Map Publication	\$14,000.00	All	C
TDEC/RES	2010-2020 State Recreation Plan	1) Develop the 2010-2020 TN State Rec. Plan, 2) conduct a usage and condition analysis of LWCF-funded pools and aquatic facilities, 3) development of an online grant application process to facilitate the OPSP, 4) develop and implement a GIS program/survey of LWCF-funded sites.	\$257,069.22	All	C
Hiwassee/Ocoee Rivers State Park	Hiwassee/Ocoee Rivers State Park Rehab	Replace restroom at Ocoee River	\$46,500.00	East	C
Cummins Falls	Cummins Falls Land Acquisition	Acquisition of 186 acres	\$435,000.00	Middle	C
Fiery Gizzard	Fiery Gizzard Land Acquisition	Acquisition of 1,996 acres	\$400,000.00	Middle	C
TDEC/Cumberland Trail	Cumberland Mountain Segment, Northern Section Acq (Molpus/TPL)	Acquisition of 1,414 acres of land. (Cumberland Trail - Molpus/TPL.)	\$860,684.00	East	C

# January 2010 - December 2014

## Ongoing LWCF Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
T.O. Fuller State Park	T.O. Fuller State Park - Construction of Nature Center	Construct a Nature Center including access road and parking	\$400,000.00	West	P
T.O. Fuller State Park	T.O. Fuller State Park - Sprayground	Develop T.O. Fuller Sprayground	\$70,000.00	East	P
Cedars of Lebanon State Park	Cedars of Lebanon State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
Cumberland Mountain State Park	Cumberland Mountain State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
David Crockett State Park	David Crockett State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
Edgar Evins State Park	Edgar Evins State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
Frozen Head State Natural Area	Frozen Head State Natural Area - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
Henry Horton State Park	Henry Horton State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park	Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	P
Natchez Trace State Park	Natchez Trace State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	P
Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park	Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	P
Norris Dam State Park	Norris Dam State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
Pickett State Park	Pickett State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
Pickwick Landing State Park	Pickwick Landing State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	P
Reelfoot Lake State Park	Reelfoot Lake State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	West	P
Roan Mountain State Park	Roan Mountain State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	East	P
Standing Stone State Park	Standing Stone State Park - Replace Playground	Replace Playground	\$31,250.00	Middle	P
Cumberland Trail State Park	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





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## Vision Statement

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