

# STATES DEPEND ON THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Full and dedicated LWCF funding is essential to help cities and states develop new or revitalize existing parks, green spaces, and recreation opportunities.



Prescott Arizona Granite Dells Storm Ranch Conservation and Education Area.

## ARIZONA GRANITE DELLS

The Granite Dells are one of Arizona's most stunning landscapes. As Prescott's most defining feature, this wonderland of wild rock formations is interspersed with the spectacular Willow and Watson Lakes. Tucked against Glassford Hill, an ancient volcano, this outcrop of 1.4 billion-year-old granite spires and domes is a mecca for wildlife watchers, rock climbers, hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers, boaters, as well as families just out for a casual stroll on the Peavine National Recreation Trail. The City of Prescott, along with the Town of Prescott Valley, desires to acquire the Granite Dells (120 acres of land) to further recreational opportunities in Yavapai County. The project needs \$750,000 in LWCF funds.

## ABOUT THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is one of the most effective funding programs supporting state and local parks. The LWCF is funded through revenues from offshore oil and gas drilling royalties, not taxpayer dollars, a portion of which is matched by state and local contributions – increasing the return on investment. LWCF funds leverage private investment, spur economic development and tourism, and provide close-to-home recreational opportunities.

**Many cities and states across the country have deteriorated parks and recreation facilities and are in greatly need of additional funding.** However, Congress has rarely funded the program at its \$900 million authorized level. In fact, LWCF has only been funded at its authorized amount once in its history with more than \$20 billion of those funds being diverted to other projects.



**LWCF FUNDS  
WOULD HELP  
SHOWCASE ONE  
OF THE GREATEST  
ASSETS ARIZONA  
HAS TO OFFER.**

- » **Provide** parkland, trails, and open space
- » **Enhance** connectivity between communities
- » **Preserve** riparian areas, wildlife, vegetation, and cultural resources
- » **Protect** habitats and ecosystems

Access park tools, reports, case studies, and more at [cityparksalliance.org/resources](https://cityparksalliance.org/resources)