

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.



Arizona Peralta Regional Park.

ARIZONA PERALTA REGIONAL PARK

LWCF funds are critical for Pinal County to create Peralta Regional Park. The new park, with its stunning views of Superstition Mountains and Superstition Wilderness Area, will include primitive camping, hiking trails, equestrian trails, roadways, parking areas, and other amenities. The location is near the Superstition Mountains, which is one of the most heavily used hiking areas in Arizona. The development of this new park will provide trail connectivity to the Lost Goldmine Trail and Lost Dutchman State Park. The project needs \$2,500,000 in LWCF funds.

PARKS HELP TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF HEALTHCARE



Maintaining a **healthy weight** saves **\$1,500** per person in healthcare costs a year.

PARKS SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



People with access to parks are more likely to exercise. **Exercise reduces anxiety and depression and can help alleviate symptoms of a variety of mental health conditions, including dementia and Alzheimer's.**

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. The LWCF has supported more than 42,000 projects that are found in 98% of the nation's counties. 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.



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