

LWCF 2015

A 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.
2. I concur with President John F. Kennedy, who in his conservation message to Congress on March 1, 1962, stated that “Adequate outdoor recreation facilities are among the basic requirements of a sound national conservation program.” Outdoor recreation is conservation imperative in America.
3. I support the use of LWCF funds for land acquisition, both federal and state, associated with preserving, developing, and assuring access to parks, recreation areas, and open spaces.
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.
5. I believe an effective, efficient, and collaborative system of local-state-federal outdoor recreation resources cannot be achieved one agency at a time; that is, states must play a pivotal role in connecting local-state-federal resources, communities, citizens, organizations, and the outdoor recreation and tourism industry.
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.*” I believe this statement to be even more true today, and that the Land and Water Conservation Fund program can be instrumental in achieving this.
7. I support a public planning process, inclusive of all public interests and needs, 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.* “
8. I support the reauthorization of the 1965 LWCF Act and its full funding.