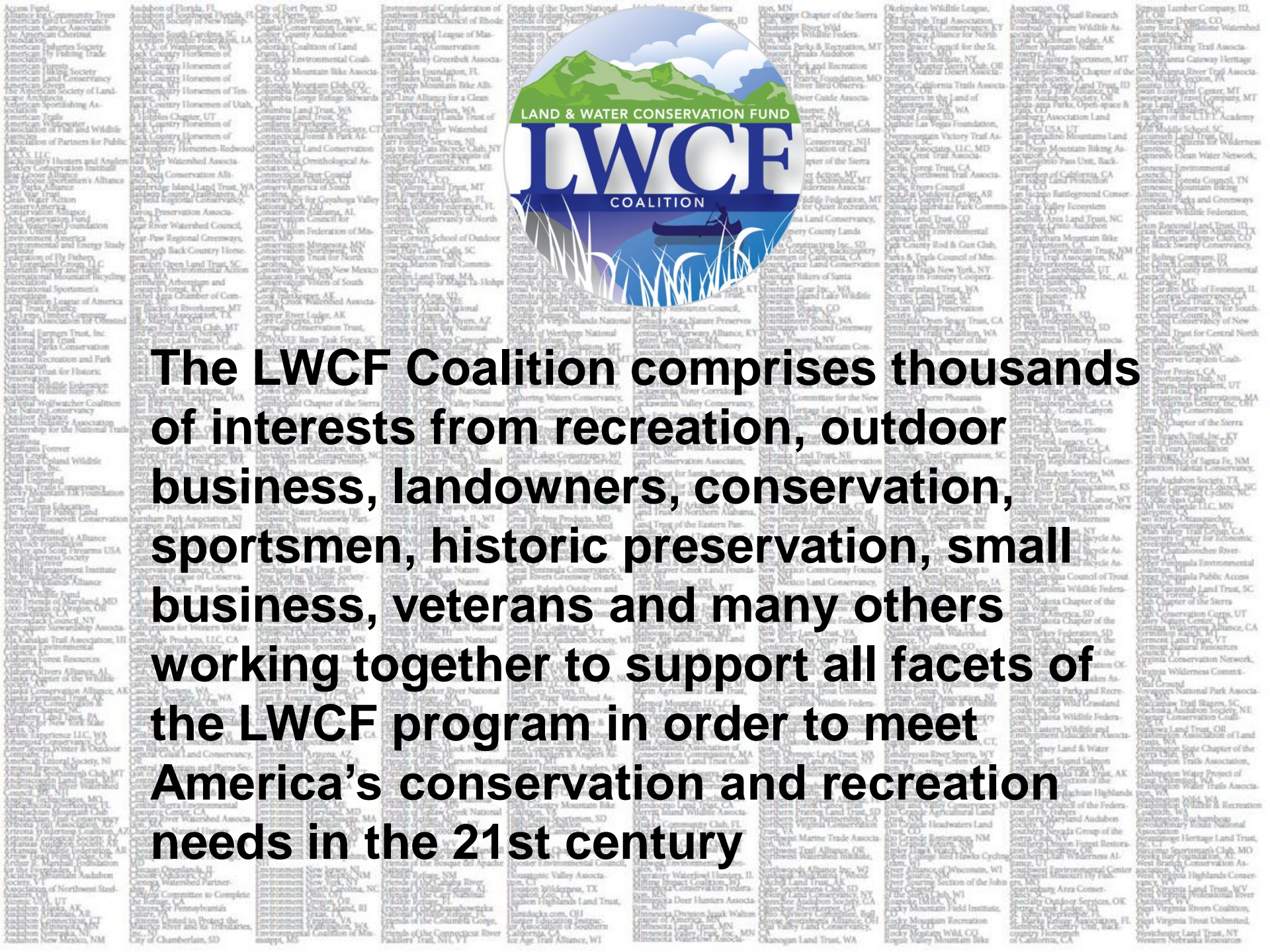




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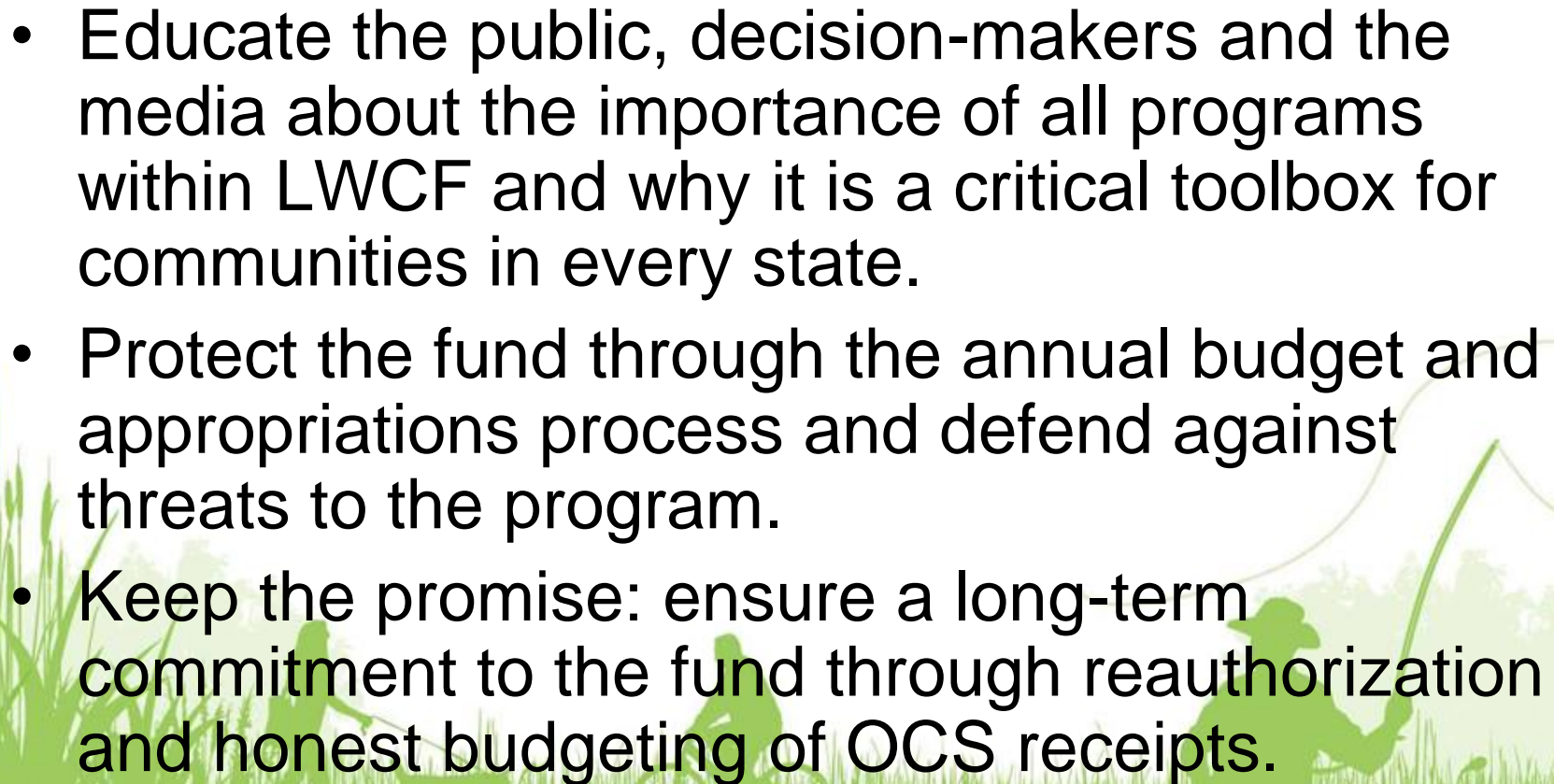
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COALITION



The LWCF Coalition comprises thousands of interests from recreation, outdoor business, landowners, conservation, sportsmen, historic preservation, small business, veterans and many others working together to support all facets of the LWCF program in order to meet America's conservation and recreation needs in the 21st century

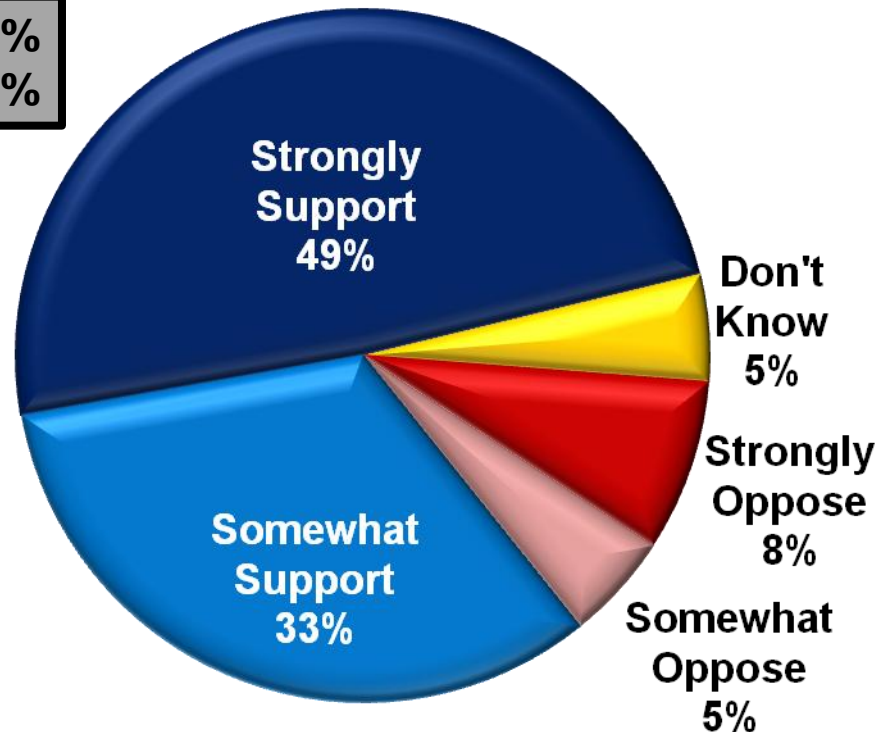
Objectives of LWCF Coalition:

- Educate the public, decision-makers and the media about the importance of all programs within LWCF and why it is a critical toolbox for communities in every state.
 - Protect the fund through the annual budget and appropriations process and defend against threats to the program.
 - Keep the promise: ensure a long-term commitment to the fund through reauthorization and honest budgeting of OCS receipts.
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- A faint, green-tinted background illustration of a person fishing in a pond. The person is on the right side, holding a fishing rod. The pond is in the middle ground, and tall grass is in the foreground. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Four in five American voters back continued dedication of offshore drilling fees to LWCF.

Ensure that the small portion of federal offshore drilling fees already being paid by oil and gas companies is dedicated to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was created by Congress so that these fees could be used for conserving natural areas, wildlife, and clean water and providing access to outdoor recreation throughout the country.

Total Support	82%
Total Oppose	13%



Voters support dedicating existing funds to conservation, irrespective of party affiliation.

	GOP	IND	DEM	Tea Party	Non-Tea Party
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Putting a local face on the program



By [Heather Acheson](#)

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Camas Mayor Scott Higgins recently asked City Administrator Lloyd Halverson at what point he targeted Fallen Leaf Lake Park as a place he wanted to see owned by and open to the public.

His answer?

“From day one.”

That’s quite a statement, considering that Halverson started his job in Camas 22 years ago.

Last Tuesday, the successful completion of that long-term goal was celebrated at the official dedication ceremony for Fallen Leaf Lake Park.

Approximately 80 people attended the event, that included a backdrop of blue skies and sunshine that glistened off the lake surface. As master of ceremonies, Higgins highlighted the length of time the project has been in the works, and the dedication of the many involved in the endeavor.

Among those in attendance were both current and past city officials and council members, as well as the three mayors who came before Higgins including Paul Dennis, Nan Henriksen and Dean Dossett.

“All of those people kept their eyes on the prize,” he said. “It is because of their will to open this asset to the community that we are here today.”

Efforts to purchase the site, located at 2911 N.E. Everett St., have been underway for years. It was officially acquired by the city in June for \$2.05 million from Koch RP Holdings I, LLC. Koch Industries, Inc., which has owned the Georgia-Pacific Camas paper mill since 2005. The mill had primarily used the property for employee functions.

Funding for the purchase was provided through a \$1 million grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, \$500,000 in grant funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and another grant from Clark County Conservation Futures for \$380,000. The remaining \$170,000 was paid with cash from the city’s Growth Management Act capital projects fund, which is supported in part by real estate excise taxes.

“It’s very exciting to be investing in the future for our citizens,” said Pete Mayer, director of Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation.

The Fallen Leaf property includes shoreline, forest, wetlands and the 20-acre Fallen Leaf Lake, once called “Dead Lake.” It provides opportunities for hiking, picnicking, wildlife watching, fishing and swimming.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, who was credited as being an advocate for programs to protect private forest land, including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, spoke during the event.

“This will be here for generations to come,” Murray said. “Like many of us here, I know how important it is to have a place to escape the hectic pace of life.”

The park is the last major acquisition to complete the community’s vision for a linked system of waterfront parks and habitat. It is a system that includes the preservation by Camas and other partners of more than 800 acres.

South of the park, the city already owns a 6-acre parcel that is home to a softball field, bleachers, dugouts, restrooms and paved parking area. On the west side of the lake, there are 50 acres of forested hillside owned by Columbia Land Trust. The city also owns properties to the north on either side of Lake Road.

Senator Murray (WA) at Fallen Leaf Lake Park

The Chronicle

SERVING THE GREATER LEWIS COUNTY, WASH. AREA SINCE 1989

By Stephanie Schendel

The 32-acre Klickitat Prairie Park in Mossyrock is more than just a city park; it has given young people in the small community a safe place to spend their time.

The woman behind the creation of Klickitat Prairie Park, Rebecca Sutherland, a former Mossyrock police officer, received the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition's 2012 Joan Thomas Award last week. The award is aimed at honoring the work she has done not only in her community, but toward the overall effort to protect the conservation of parks and wildlife habitats throughout the state.

The idea for Klickitat Prairie began one night in August of 2008, when Sutherland was out on patrol and stopped to talk to a group of young adults sitting outside a church on a donation box at about 10 p.m. When she asked them why they were hanging out there, she said they replied that they did not have anything else to do.

"I knew it was only matter of time before I had to contact them again, but not in a positive way," Sutherland said.

The next day, she said, she approached the mayor about starting a project that would give young adults in the community a place to spend their time.

Sutherland, who had no prior grant writing experience, began submitting proposals that allowed the city to acquire funds to buy the land and begin to develop it into a park.

"We promised the community that we would not have any taxes," she said. "Like most of Lewis County, we're a pretty impoverished area."

Slowly, the project began to fall into place.

Some time after her conversation with the teens outside the church, she was out on patrol and did a routine check of a bar. While she was there, one of the bar's patrons assaulted another man by smashing his head with a board.

Because the tavern had a space for minors to hang out, the violent assault was witnessed by a handful of 7-year-olds.

"It just reinforced that we had to do something," she said. "We had to change something."

Officer Rebecca Sutherland, the driving force behind Klickitat Prairie Park

The park is a longterm project and is not finished yet, but the results of Sutherland's efforts have so far been exciting, said Thomas Meade, the mayor of Mossyrock.

"She has been really focused on building something in particular that the young population in the area can use," Meade said.

Sutherland began working for the city of Mossyrock about four years ago, Meade said. While she originally started as a police and code enforcement officer, she has transitioned her focus and now works as a park manager for the city, as well as an assistant city clerk.

Currently, they are constructing a playground in the park, and hope to soon build a community center, a skate park and a parking lot, Meade said. Eventually, the city hopes to move the annual Blueberry Festival from downtown to the park to give the community staple more space.

With the park, he said, the city's goal is to continue to help it grow and serve not only the community living within city limits, but those who live in the surrounding area as well.

In addition to aiding her community with her work in developing the Klickitat Prairie Park project, Sutherland has also been an asset in working with the coalition, said Hannah Clark, the campaign director for the WWRC.

In addition to traveling to Olympia to meet with Sen. Dan Swecker, R-Rochester, to advocate for her project, she also flew to Washington D.C. — her first time ever on a plane — to lobby Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, to support the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"She saw that kids in the town of Mossyrock didn't have somewhere to go, and needed a community space," Clark said, later adding, "That is the kind of commitment that makes her amazing."





Local business owner Sally Anderson and Senator Murkowski (AK)

Maintaining Support: Annual Appropriations Process

- FY2012: Two bipartisan amendments offered by Representatives Bass (R-NH), Inslee (D-WA), Gerlach (R-PA), Meehan (R-PA), Reichert (R-WA), Murphy (D-CT) and Tipton (R-CO) increased all parts of LWCF funding by \$25 million during consideration of the FY 2012 Department of the Interior Bill on the House Floor.
- In FY2013: Ensuring that the dollars were protected through the budget and appropriations process, LWCF was funded at approximately \$306 million in FY2013.
- FY2014: On March 23, the Senate passed the FY2014 Budget Resolution which included a reserve fund for full and dedicated funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

FY2014 President's Budget

2014 "Current Funding" Structure

- \$400 million in current LWCF activities
 - \$282 million for Interior; \$118 million USFS

2014 "Permanent" Request

- \$141 million for Interior
- \$59 million for USFS

Federal Land Acquisition

- \$264 mil for Interior
- \$92.2 mil for USFS
- \$12.2 mil for OVS
 - (Of this, \$187 million for core, \$169.3 million for collaborative)
 - \$112.2 million for Interior collaborative, \$57 mil for USFS collaborative

• Collaboratives

- Crown of the Continent (\$15.6 mil for DOI; \$31 mil USFS)
- FL-GA-SC Longleaf Pine (12.9 mil for DOI; \$6.7 mil USFS)
- Southwest Deserts in CA (\$40.3 mil for DOI (\$28.6 mil current and \$11.8 mil permanent); \$10.4 mil USFS)
- National Trails System in the US (\$43.4 mil for DOI which is permanent funding; \$8.9 mil for USFS)

• Interior Core

- \$79.4 million total
 - \$52.5 million as current appropriations
 - \$26.8 million as permanent appropriations
- Additional \$45.2 million to support Federal acquisition through land protection planning, purchase of inholdings, emergency projects, donations, exchanges, hardship cases, relocations, acquisition management
- \$9 million in current approps for American Battlefield Protection under NPS
- BLM Core
 - \$16.1 million (\$5.5 million current funding; \$10.6 million permanent) – project list included
- FWS Core
 - \$37.7 million (\$26.7 million current funding; \$11.1 million permanent) – project list included
- NPS Core
 - \$25.6 million (\$20.4 million current funding; \$5.2 million permanent) – project list included

• USFS Core

- \$35.235 million (includes \$2.5 million for access projects)
 - \$21.6 million as current appropriations
 - \$13.635 million as permanent appropriations

State Assistance Grants

- \$60 million included in the budget
 - \$36.4 million in current appropriations funding
 - \$3.6 million to administer the new grants, as well as monitor grant assisted sites to ensure they are not converted to non-recreational uses
 - \$20 million in permanent funding

Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Grants (UPARR)

- \$10 million to revitalize program
 - Matching grants for physically and economically distressed urban communities to revitalize and improve recreation opportunities

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants

- \$84 million total
 - \$56 million in current funding
 - \$28 million in permanent funding

Forest Legacy Program

- \$84.8 million total
 - \$60 million in current funding
 - \$24.8 million in permanent funding
 - Project list attached

Palo Duro Canyon State Park, TX



Deer Hunting Access

Big Rivers Corridor Phase II (FLP), KY





Photo by Eric Staudenmaler

Flight 93 National Memorial, PA

Roberto Clemente State
Park, New York City





Sportsmen's Access in the
Dakota Prairie Grasslands



Highlands Conservation Act grants to
states; CT, NJ, NY and PA



Easements in the Flint Hills, KS



Recreational Access, Tohickon Valley Park, PA

Civil War Battlefields



Critical Inholdings



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Land Rush at National Parks

U.S. Steps Up Buying Privately Owned 'Inholdings' Just as Funding Shrinks

By [JIM CARLTON](#)



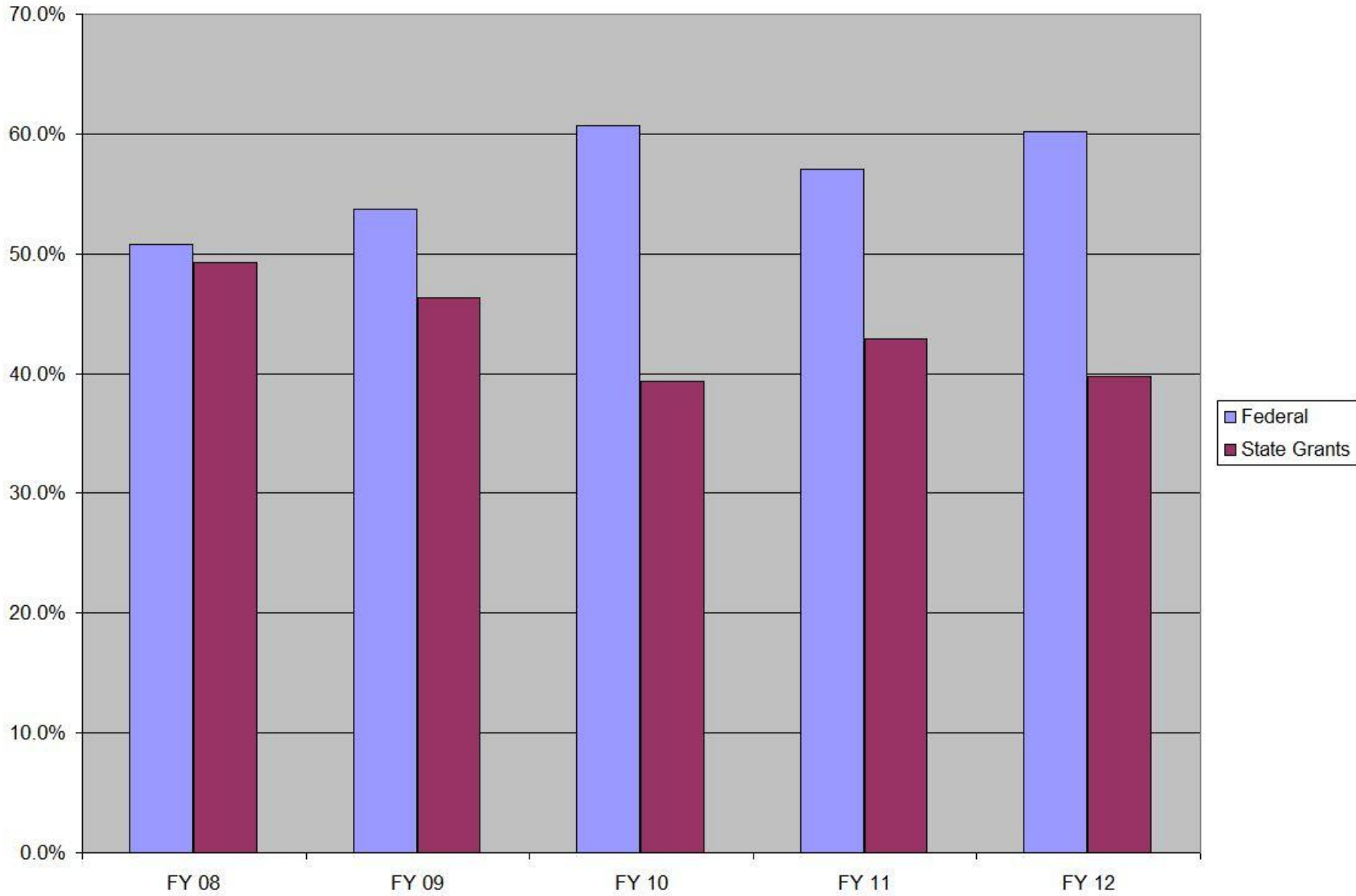
Jessica Lowry for The Wall Street Journal

Rangers worry that pockets of private land in several national parks could be sold to developers. Above, Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park.

National Trails Collaborative



Allocations of LWCF FY08-FY12



Keeping the promise to the American people:

- Reauthorization of LWCF: Ensuring that the fifty year promise of recreation and conservation continues into the next century.
- Permanent and dedicated funding: honest budgeting of OCS receipts for all of the programs within LWCF.



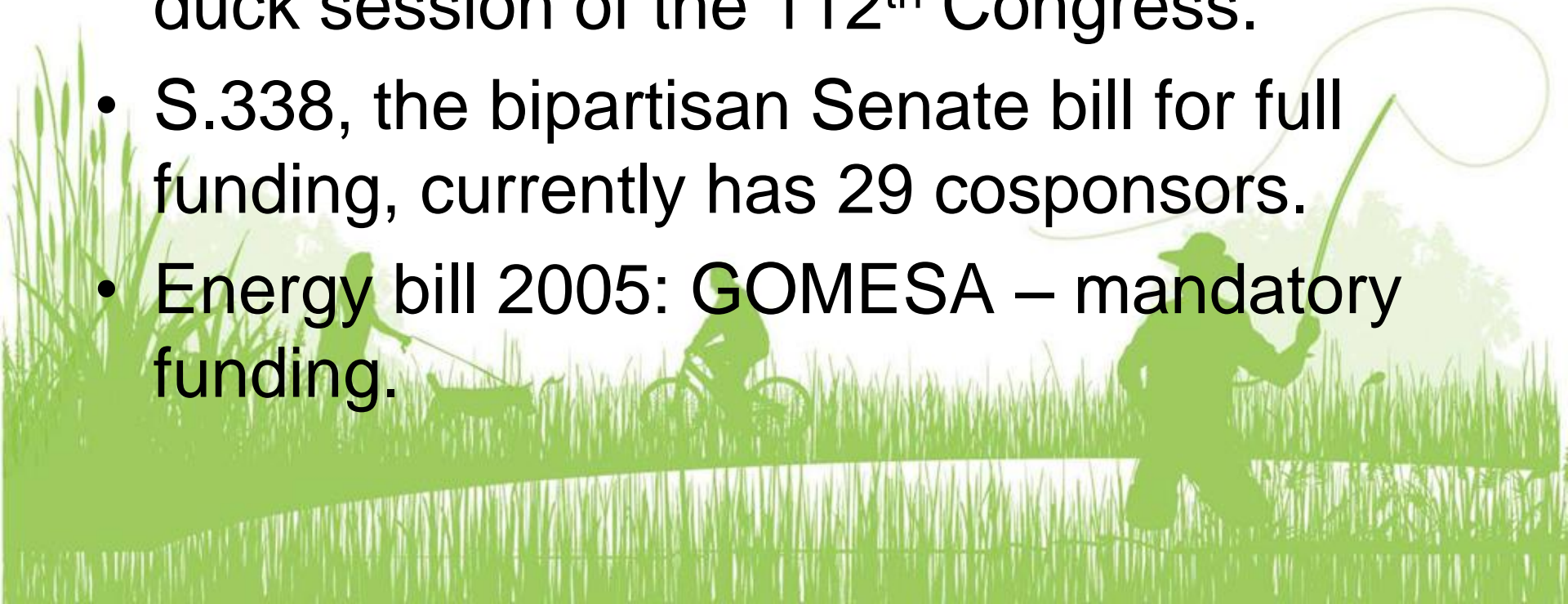
Highlights

- CLEAR Act: Reauthorization and full and dedicated funding of \$900 million.
- Senate Transportation bill: In March 2012, a large, bipartisan majority of 76 Senators passed an amendment that extended LWCF's authorization and provided permanent and dedicated funding.



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- In November 2012, 49 Senators, including 8 Republicans, signed a letter urging a permanent solution for LWCF in the lame duck session of the 112th Congress.
- S.338, the bipartisan Senate bill for full funding, currently has 29 cosponsors.
- Energy bill 2005: GOMESA – mandatory funding.



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