



# Highlighted LWCF Recreation Projects



# About these projects

## Putting LWCF Dollars to Work

The passage of the Great American Outdoors Act guarantees \$900 million in mandatory annual funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the most important tool for funding outdoor recreation in the United States. To help put these funds to work, the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) put out a call for projects from outdoor recreation partners from around the country, including land management agencies, state departments of natural resources, outdoor businesses and community members. Funding these projects will engage more people in outdoor recreation in communities across the country, grow outdoor recreation economies, and support the outdoor recreation industry for years to come.

From the complete list, **ORR has identified eleven outstanding projects from across the country.**



These projects showcase ORR's priorities for the outdoor industry:

- Increasing recreation access for all user groups, across all outdoor sectors
- Promoting rural economic development by adding value to nearby communities
- Enhancing opportunities for underrepresented groups (e.g. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, Low-income, Disabled, Immigrants, etc.)

ORR looks forward to engaging with agency partners at the federal and state levels, as well as members of Congress, over the next year to ensure that these projects break ground in a timely, cost-effective manner.



# Homestead Climbing Area

**Location:** Gila County

**State:** Arizona

**Cost:** \$150,000

**Program:** BLM Acquisition

Backpacking  
Hiking  
Hunting  
Wildlife Viewing  
Rock Climbing

With a narrow window of opportunity, Access Fund secured temporary ownership of a critical access point to The Homestead in central Arizona to save the area from indefinite closure. With over 250 sport climbs on 12 limestone walls, The Homestead is one of the best winter limestone climbing areas in the country, boasting true “tufa” sport routes.

The 360 acres are inholdings within public BLM land (BLM Lower Sonoran Unit) and they now need to complete the transfer with LWCF funds. Local climbing gyms and climbers across the US have also provided financial support. These parcels are part of a larger effort to secure key recreation in Arizona. Located only two hours from Phoenix and Tucson, the Homestead is a key climbing area for a growing community of recreational users. With nearby climbing areas and sacred sites threatened by copper mine proposals, conservation of this area is critical.



# Fishing Pier, Delaware City Branch Channel of the C&D Canal

**Location:** Delaware City

**State:** Delaware

**Cost:** \$500,000-\$750,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

Fishing  
Wildlife Viewing  
Walking  
Biking

This project is a multi-use platform on the west side of the Delaware City Branch Channel of the C&D Canal. The use for the project was for fishing and wildlife viewing, which is adjacent to a widely used, very popular multi-purpose connector trail opened in 2016.

Funding fell through in a shovel ready construction project of a fishing pier and wildlife observation. This platform complements the Connector Trail between the City of Delaware City and the Mike Castle recreation Trail that runs east-west along the C&D Canal in Delaware. This trail connects to the Ben Cardin Trail in Maryland. The connector trail is a restoration, in part, of the original C&D Canal tow-path.



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# Rebuild ATV/ Snowmobile Trail from Dollar Bay to Lake Linden

**Location:** Houghton County

**State:** Michigan

**Cost:** \$250,000-\$500,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

Motorized Use  
Snowmobile

The proposed project will repair and replace culverts and rebuild the trail where washouts occurred on the Lake Linden Trail between Hubbell and Lake Linden. The Lake Linden trail is a multi-use recreational trail that was severely damaged in 2018 as a result of a 500 year storm and serves as an important link for not only recreation but also alternative transportation between communities in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

# All Abilities Park

**Location:** Farmington

Playground

**State:** New Mexico

**Cost:** \$750,000-\$1,000,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

The City, in conjunction with a private non-profit, is working to develop an "All Abilities Park" to provide an accessible, all ages park that meets the needs of those with handicaps or ailments that prevent them from enjoying typical parks and playgrounds. The hope is to garner funding for the feasibility and acquisition of land for the project. The State SCORP cites the Northwest region that the City of Farmington resides in as being low in local facilities meeting outdoor recreation needs.





# Bluewater Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern

**Location:** Cibola County

**State:** New Mexico

**Cost:** \$500,000

**Program:** BLM Acquisition

LWCF funds would help acquire private lands in/adjacent to BLM managed public lands at Bluewater Creek ACEC (BLM Las Cruces Unit). This project has support from groups including the BLM Interdisciplinary team, Back Country Horsemen, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions, and New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors. Local impoverished gateway communities will have increased access and developed facilities providing recreational and educational opportunities from the project.

Backpacking

Hiking

Fishing

Hunting

Wildlife Viewing

Rock Climbing

Archery



# Bryson Park District, Eastview and Westview Parks

**Location:** Mercer County

**State:** Ohio

**Cost:** \$1,000,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

LWCF funding would help improve a cluster of parks in Mercer County, including shelter houses, kayak and canoe launch pads within the Bryson Park District, playground equipment, shelter houses and skate park improvements at Westview Park, and playground improvements, disc golf, pickle ball courts and basketball courts at Eastview Park.

Playground  
Skating  
Disc Golf  
Kayaking  
Canoe  
Ball Sports



# Junction City Fishing

**Location:** Lane County

**State:** Oregon

**Cost:** \$460,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

This will be a large project including 5 cantilever platforms, picnic table cover, picnic tables, benches, walkway over the wetlands section, trail system around the pond, and paved sections of the most used sections of the pond. There will also be work to restore habitats damaged by current use and improve habitat around the pond.

This is a very popular fishing location and would be one of the only fully ADA accessible fishing facility in the Junction City area. This development will also provide improved outdoor walking trails, wildlife viewing opportunities, and improved kayak/canoe access to the pond. This is on an established Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wildlife area and has been and will be actively managed by ODFW for multiple uses. The site also supports an archery range and the parking area is shared by both facilities.

Backpacking  
Hiking  
Fishing  
Hunting  
Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Rafting  
Wildlife Viewing  
Archery





# Yellowjacket Reservoir Access

**Location:** John Day

**State:** Oregon

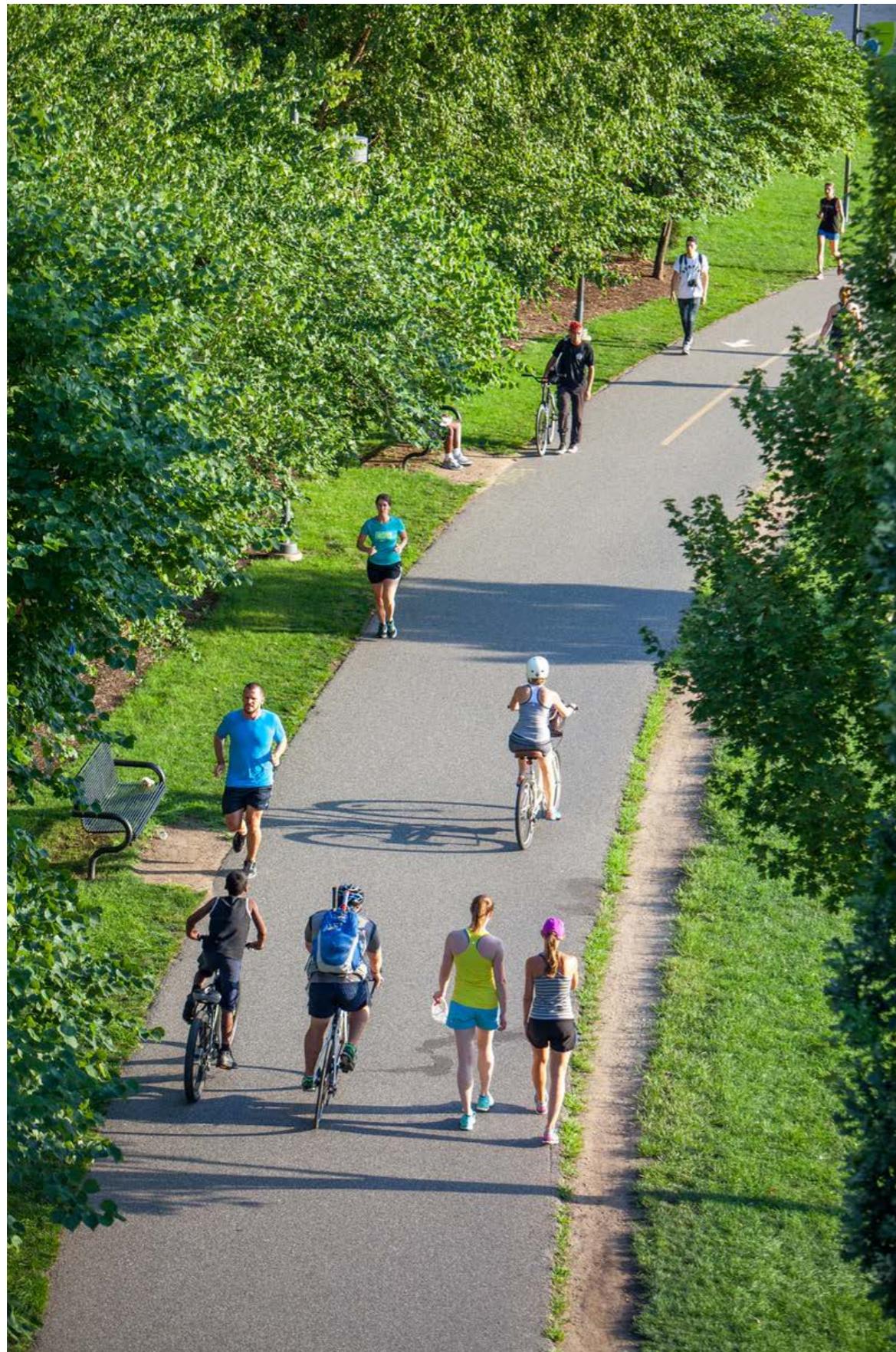
**Cost:** \$200,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

This project will consist of development of an access road, parking lot, and fishing dock system at the Yellowjacket Reservoir. The site currently has no facilities except a rough unimproved dirt road, so an all new road and parking lot will have to be developed at the site. Along with the new road and parking lot, an ADA fishing dock will be added in order to get anglers out past the vegetation in the reservoir. All of the improvements will be designed to ADA standards. In conjunction with this improvement, the USFS plans to make improvements to the adjacent gravel boat ramp and campground.

Boating  
Campground  
Fishing  
Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Rafting  
Wildlife Viewing  
Sailing  
Motorboating





# North Delaware River Greenway

**Location:** Philadelphia

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Cost:** \$1,250,000-1,500,000

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

LWCF funding would help create an 11-mile network of parks, boat launches, and trails on the Northern Delaware River in Philadelphia. This project aligns with the PA plan by creating healthy access to walking and biking networks that are close to home; providing opportunities for everyone to regularly engage in outdoor recreation for underserved (low-income) communities; addressing infrastructure and maintenance needs in existing outdoor recreation areas; and foster stewardship of our natural resources.

Biking

Boating

Fishing

Canoeing

Kayaking

Rafting

Sailing

Motorboating



# Renovating Lakeside Park

**Location:** Chelan County

**State:** Washington

**Cost:** \$1,187,596

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

LWCF funding would help renovate Lakeside Park. This heavily used park provides significant public access to Lake Chelan. The goals of the renovation are to expand capacity, improve accessibility, and increase recreational opportunities. The City will add swim platforms and float lines, enhance the launch for non-motorized boats, add parking, renovate the restroom, expand accessibility for people with disabilities with pathways and other improvements, renovate the playground with natural and sculptural elements, and expand the beach landward to increase access while decreasing erosion. Other sustainability features include a green roof and natural lighting in the restroom, native plants to improve habitat near the beach and for pollinator species, permeable paving in parking areas, and stormwater.

Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Rafting  
Sailing  
Motorboating  
Swimming



# Developing the Cap Sante Marina RV Park

**Location:** Port of Anacortes

RV Camping

**State:** Washington

**Cost:** \$2,311,971

**Program:** State and Local Assistance

LWCF funding would help develop a recreational vehicle (RV) park in the Cap Sante Marina. The current RV park is a gravel lot with 22 spaces and no utility hook-ups, forcing drivers to run their motors for electrical power. The Port will create 25 spaces with hedges for privacy, add a garbage and recycling area, and install utility hook-ups for sewer, water, cable, and power. The hook-ups will eliminate the reliance on generators. The Port also will collect and treat stormwater and pave roads and pathways. The new RV park will connect visitors to the marina restroom and laundry services and to waterfront parks and regional trails.

