

The National Park Service's goals for the Land and Water Conservation Fund are taken from the [America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations](#)¹ report and the Land and Water Conservation Fund's [2012 Annual Report: Funding and Protecting Parks Where you Live](#).² The summarized goals are:

- Enhance recreational access and opportunities.
- Engage young people in conservation and the great outdoors.
- Establish great urban parks and community green spaces.
- Protect and renew rivers and other waters.

Strengthen the health and vitality of the American people by meeting state and locally identified recreation resource needs.

- Increase the quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.
- Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.
- Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources.

Increase the number of protected recreation resources and ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.

- Expand the resources protected by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Encourage sound outdoor recreation planning and long-term partnerships.

- Leverage non- Land and Water Conservation Fund investments in outdoor recreation.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell outlined on October 31, 2013, youth initiative goals that set specific benchmarks for increasing the Department of the Interior's engagement with the next generation, empower bureaus and offices to lead and implement a comprehensive strategy for meeting the goals, and outline the accountability structure and implementation framework to achieve the goals, which are described as follows:

- **Play:** Interior will develop or enhance outdoor recreation partnerships in a total of 50 cities during the next 4 years, to create new, systemic opportunities for outdoor play for more than 10 million young people.
- **Learn:** In 4 years, Interior will provide educational opportunities to at least 10 million of the nation's kindergarten through 12th grade student population annually. In addition to welcoming students into public lands, Interior will leverage technology, including the recently launched National Park Service teacher portal, to bring our public lands to classrooms.

¹ *America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations* (February 2011) online at www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/documents/upload/AGO-Report-With-All-Appendices-3-1-11.pdf

² The Land and Water Conservation Fund report, *2012 Annual Report: Funding and Protecting Parks Where you Live* online at www.nasorlo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/LWCF-Annual-Report-2012_final-1.pdf

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- **Serve:** In 4 years, Interior will attain 1 million volunteers annually on public lands. Interior will invest in volunteer management and coordination to ensure anyone who has an interest in devoting their time and talents to public lands has an opportunity to serve.
 - **Work:** Interior will provide 100,000 work and training opportunities to young people and veterans during 4 years within our bureaus and through public-private partnerships.

Check out the complete speech at www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-announces-order-to-implement-youth-initiative-connecting-millions-of-young-people-to-americas-great-outdoors.cfm.