



CONSERVATION ALMANAC
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



State Highlights in Conservation: Kansas

Profile of State Program(s)

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism: The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (formerly Department of Wildlife and Parks) uses three funds to acquire land. The Wildlife Fee Fund (est. 1927) and Wildlife Conservation Fund (est. 1989) receive revenues from sales of lifetime hunting, fishing, and fur harvester licenses and from Migratory Waterfowl Habitat Stamp (est. 1987). The Parks Fee Fund (est. 1955) receives revenue from permit fees, tolls, and other charges from the use of state parks. These three funds support land acquisition, wildlife protection and management, and habitat preservation.

Local Financing Enabled

Counties and municipalities in Kansas have the uniform authority to levy a sales tax or general obligation bonds, through approval by a simple majority of voters. These funds may be used for acquisition of parks and open space. Since 1998, 4 conservation ballot measures have passed in Kansas generating \$32.55 million in conservation funds, all within Johnson County.

Local Programs Included

No county-level conservation finance measures over \$10 million have been approved by voters

in Kansas. For more information on local measures in the state, visit www.landvote.org.

Federal Partnerships

Federal agencies and programs that have conserved land in Kansas include:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)
- U.S. National Park Service
- U.S. National Park Service – LWCF Stateside
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
- U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)



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The Conservation Almanac

A comprehensive database of land conservation and public conservation funding in America, the Conservation Almanac provides a context for assessing impacts of conservation and the growing conservation finance movement. The Almanac offers information on public dollars spent and acres conserved, details on local, state, and federal conservation programs, and geospatial mapping of conserved land.

Almanac data collection efforts focus on land conserved using public dollars; contributions funded by private and non-governmental organizations are not tracked comprehensively. Federal data is complete from 1998-2017. State and local data is complete from 1998-2017. In the tables and charts below, acres are allocated to each program proportionate to the size of the contributions to each acquisition. For example, if an acquisition had two contributions, and each program contributed equal dollar amounts, each program receives 50% of the acres. If you have questions or want to provide updated information, please contact Jessica Welch at jessica.welch@tpl.org.

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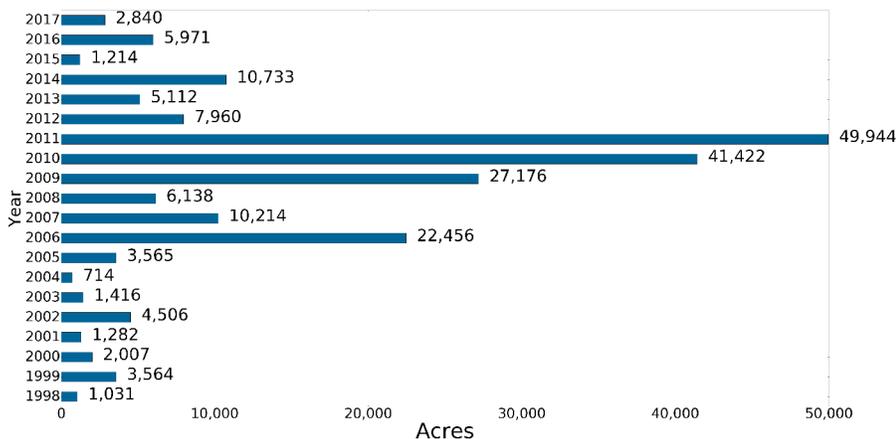
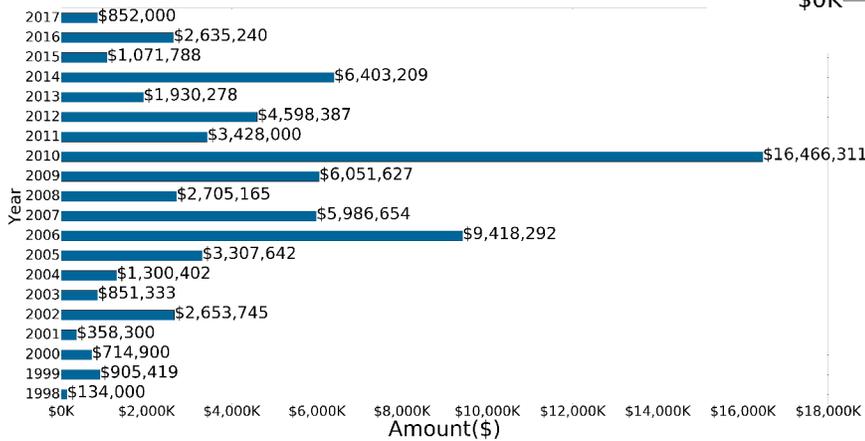
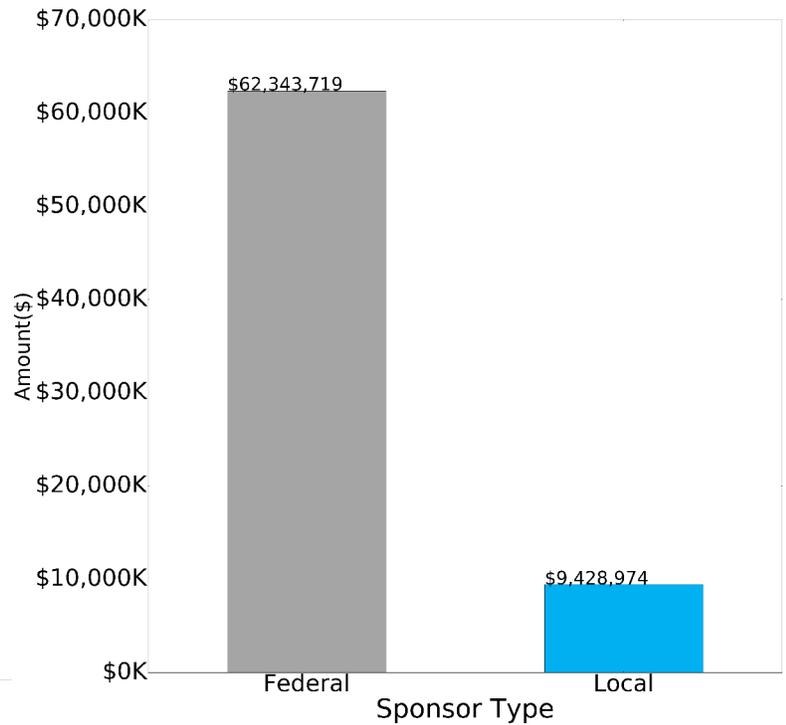
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