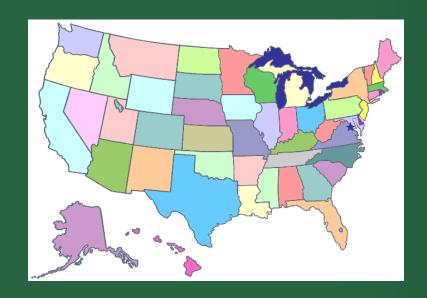


State Land Protection Programs

Every state has <u>at least one</u> land protection program



But every program is different!

Mission/Focus

- Wildlife, habitat, T&E Species
- Natural areas, natural heritage, conservation, wilderness, biodiversity
- Parks and recreation
- Historic or cultural preservation
- Agricultural preservation
- Water quality, watershed health
- Multi-objective

Administration

- Parks agencies
- Wildlife agencies
- Natural resource agencies
- Forestry/ag agencies
- Environmental protection agencies
- Independent boards

Sources of Funding

- Federal grants
- Tax revenue (sales, deed stamp, realty transfer, etc.)
- **❖Bond revenue**
- **&Lottery**
- Specialty license plate
- & Etc.

Program Types/Tools

- Fee acquisition
- Conservation easements
- Purchase of development rights
- **Leases**
- **Grants**
 - Land trusts, SWCDs, other state agencies, etc.
 - May or may not require a match

Land protection programs vary widely!

Some examples (and these are just a few!)

- CA's Wildlife Conservation Board
- *MD's Rural Legacy
- NC's Clean Water Management Trust Fund

	CA-WCB	MD – RLP	NC – CWMTF
Mission	Wildlife; related public recreation	Working land- scapes; Counter sprawl	Water quality improvement
Admin.	Arm of CA DFG; Board	MDNR	Board
Funding Source	Bonds; Dedicated and general state funds	Taxes; bonds	Dedicated funds
Funding Amount	\$550M	\$38.8M	\$596M
Tools	Fee acquisition; Easements; Grants	Grants	Grants

Estimated State Spending on Land Protection

- 2005 Defenders study
 - **♦\$9.5B** between 1992 and 2001
 - Steadily increased over study period

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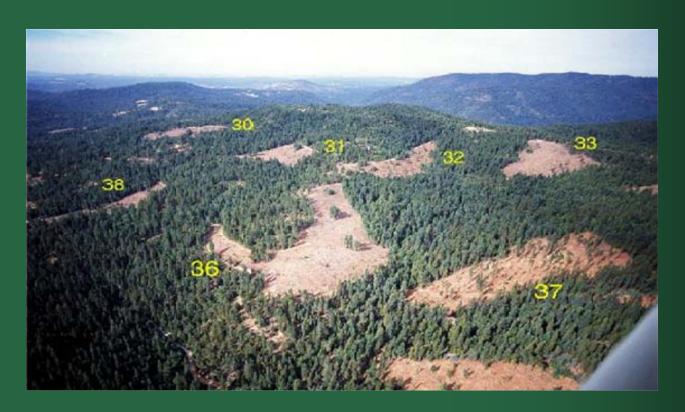
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Surest way to protect biodiversity:

Acquire and protect habitat

Strategic land protection for wildlife/biodiversity



- Strategic land protection for wildlife/biodiversity
 - Small patches vs. large blocks
 - Spread out parcels vs. connections
 - Habitat types, species
 - Other environmental considerations, e.g., threats

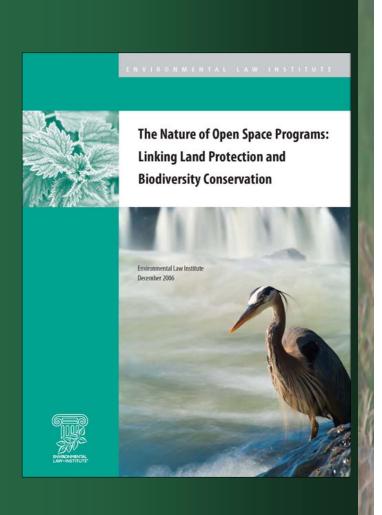
How do land protection programs prioritize projects?

- Quantitative assessment
- Qualitative scoring
- * Ad hoc / Opportunistic

How can land protection programs maximize wildlife benefits?

- ❖ 2006 ELI Study
 - Strengthen wildlife/biodiversity authority
 - Leverage partnerships/funding
 - Utilize existing data/ maps





State Wildlife Action Plans

- Contain information on habitats, species, threats
- Often include maps
- Include land protection strategies
- Available in every state

Opportunities to Think About

- The plans as a source of data/maps
- Leveraging funds (matching)
- Other common goals: outreach, fundraising, public education

Considerations for Today

Programmatic needs? (i.e., limitations)

How do states get started?

