

Land and Water Conservation Fund *Giving Back to You and Your Community*



Richmond National Battlefield Park, Virginia.
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Preserving our History

Richmond National Battlefield Park, Virginia

Preserving America's heritage by protecting the sites where American stories of personal struggle and hope have unfolded is the central mission of many National Park System units, from Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site to Gettysburg National Military Park. Although these historic and cultural landmarks are widely valued by the American public and welcome millions of visitors each year, many more important historic and cultural sites remain unprotected and at risk.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is the main legislative funding tool available to preserve these special places. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been active in preserving our nation's history through investment in projects, including the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Minidoka National Historic Site in Idaho, one of the ten Japanese internment camps that tell the story of the single largest forced relocation in United States history. In addition to these and other important sites that capture the story of 20th century history, Land and Water Conservation Funds have supported the protection of sites important to preserving and interpreting early American history, including the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and our most wrenching conflict of brother against brother, the Civil War.

In 2014 in the heart of Virginia, 285 acres were preserved using Land and Water Conservation Fund at Richmond National Battlefield Park, which figured prominently in the 1862 Seven Days Battles. This property marked the site of Robert E. Lee's first major victory as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and radically shifted the strategic initiative in Virginia in favor of the Confederacy. Had Land and Water Conservation Fund not become available to enable the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the property, development of this hallowed ground was an imminent threat. Bringing this land under the care and management of the NPS will protect these historic resources for generations to come.



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ABOUT Land and Water Conservation Fund

Using zero taxpayer dollars, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) uses earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help preserve our history and protect our lands. LWCF is a balanced approach between using and preserving our natural resources, while giving back to American communities.

