

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Federal Land Acquisition Administration

	2000 Enacted	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2001 Budget Request	Change From 2000 (+/-)
Land Acquisition Administration	10,000	0	+1,908	11,908	+1,908
Total Requirements \$(000)	10,000	0	+1,908	11,908	+1,908

AUTHORIZATION

16 U. S. C. 4601-4-11, et seq.

OVERVIEW

The **Land Acquisition Administration** activity administers the acquisition of lands throughout the National Park System in a responsible and accountable way ensuring compliance with existing guidelines and laws.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other federal, state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.
- IVa The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.

FY 2000 Enacted Program: \$10,000,000

Land Acquisition Administration funds are used to staff land acquisition offices at seven program centers, three project offices, the Washington National Program Center, and the Washington Office. The funds are used to cover personnel and administrative costs such as salaries, personnel benefits, utilities, training, employee relocation, supplies, materials and equipment for the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the land acquisition program of the National Park Service. Title V administrative funding provided in FY 1999 helps maintain sufficient staff for the Federal land acquisition program at Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve and to provide needed land acquisition staff in all the Regional Offices and will continue to do so in FY 2000.

Performance Goals

Long-term Goal IVa8	By September 30, 2005, the average time between the appropriation and offer of just compensation is 171 days (a 5% decrease from 1997 level of 180 days).
Annual Goal IVa8	By September 30, 2001, the time between the appropriation and offer of just compensation is 173 days (a 4% decrease from 1997 level of 180 days).

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Land Acquisition Administration

Land Acquisition Administration Performance Information	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimate	FY 2001 Estimate
Average number of days between the appropriation for land acquisition and when an offer is made	343	174	173
Percent reduction from baseline 180 days between the appropriation for land acquisition and when an offer is made	-191%	3%	4%

JUSTIFICATION OF FY 2001 BUDGET REQUEST FOR LAND ACQUISITION ADMINISTRATION

	2001 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
Land Acquisition Administration \$(000)	11,908	+1,908

The FY 2001 request for Land Acquisition Administration is \$11.908 million and 150 FTE, which represents an increase of \$1.908 million and 34 FTE above the FY 2000 enacted level. The programmatic increase of \$1.908 million for the Land Acquisition Administration activity is justified by the proposed change that follows:

- **Land Acquisition Administration (+\$1,908,000; +34 FTE):** The NPS is proposing an increase of \$1.908 million and 34 FTE in FY 2001 for NPS Land Acquisition Administration. Included in the increase is \$307,000 for systemwide land acquisition management which is needed to fund the uncontrollable salary increases for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

The remaining portion of the increase totals \$1,601,000. Of this amount, the Service would use \$1.0 million to replace the Title V (FY 1998) administration monies used in the past two years to fund the staff of the South Florida (Naples/Everglades) Project Office, in order to maintain the current high level of effort dedicated to restoration of the South Florida ecosystem. This would bring the amount devoted to South Florida for administration to \$2.0 million. The remainder would be used to administer the Federal land acquisition program in three high-priority project areas: Civil War Battlefields, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and Southern California. For FY 2001, to address the additional acquisition workload, staff will be added to Regional and Project Offices which will be most involved with the high-priority areas.

This increase would affect performance by: (1) addressing the increased workload throughout the NPS Land Acquisition Program (in FY 1999, 1,762 tracts were acquired, 5,059 are estimated for FY 2000, and 1,665 in FY 2001), (2) avoiding delays in acquiring lands deemed vital to the South Florida ecosystem restoration, (3) enabling the Park Service to take advantage of opportunities to purchase land that might otherwise be missed for lack of available staff, and (4) helping meet the GPRA performance goal of decreasing the time between appropriation of funds and the offer to purchase.

This request is included within the Administration's Land Legacy Initiative.