

<b>Activity:</b> <b>Federal Land Acquisition</b>
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**Activity Summary**

Program Component	2002 Enacted	2003 Estimate	FY 2004			Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition	118,117	73,469	0	-6,500	66,969	-6,500
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>188,117</b>	<b>73,469</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-6,500</b>	<b>66,969</b>	<b>-6,500</b>

**Authorization**

16 USC 460I-4 to I-11	The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965
16 USC 410r	Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989
P.L. 104-333	American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, as amended by P.L. 107-359

**FY 2004 Base Program Overview**

Using funds appropriated within the **Federal Land Acquisition** budget activity, the NPS acquires land and interests in land to preserve and protect, for public use and enjoyment, the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of congressionally authorized areas within the National Park System. This program helps to meet the increasingly heavy visitor demand for Federal recreation areas, conserves outstanding resources for public recreational use before they are converted to incompatible uses, and preserves the Nation's natural and historic heritage.

*Performance summary tables are found at the end of this Appropriation.*

**FY 2002 Program Performance Accomplishments**

Many of the acquisitions made in FY 2002 fulfilled common purposes:

- Emphasis on completing the acquisition at Civil War sites continued:
  - Funding provided for acquisitions at four such areas within NPS
  - Additional \$11,000,000 for the acquisition of non-NPS Civil War Battlefield sites
- Highlighted the continuation of partnership efforts
  - Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve funded as part of a multi-agency agreement
  - Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP will joins Aviation Trail, Inc. in a joint rehabilitation project
- Initiated acquisition of large tracts of land at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- Initial stages of acquisition at Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site that will lead to the site being established as a unit of the National Park System.

**FY 2003 Program Performance (Based on FY 2003 President's Request)**

Some of the needs to be addressed in FY 2003 land acquisition include:

- Supporting vital partnership efforts to protect nationally significant resources: includes acquisitions at Big Thicket National Preserve, Grand Teton National Park, and Richmond National Battlefield Park (support from non-profit conservation organizations), and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (multi-agency agreement)
- Protection of undeveloped land for preservation of significant ecosystems and the protection of threatened natural resources: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Great Sand Dunes National Monument, and Hawaii Volcanoes NP
- Protection of historic resources: Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, Richmond National Battlefield Park, and Valley Forge National Historical Park.

The following table lists the FY 2003 Land Acquisition Program based on the President's Request of \$73,469:

### Summary of NPS FY 2003 Land Acquisition Program

Program/Park Unit	State(s)	Amount
Emergencies/Hardships		\$4,000
Inholdings/Exchanges		4,000
Grant to the State of Florida (South Florida Restoration)		19,500
Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	3,000
Blue Ridge Parkway	N. Carolina/Virginia	399
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	New Jersey/Pennsylvania	5,000
Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve	Washington	1,100
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park	Virginia	1,100
Grand Teton National Park	Wyoming	4,000
Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve	Colorado	5,000
Gulf Islands National Seashore	Mississippi	4,000
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	Hawaii	4,000
Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site	Arkansas	130
Mojave National Preserve	California	1,000
Pinnacles National Monument	California	1,000
Piscataway Park	Maryland	500
Point Reyes National Seashore	California	1,500
Prince William Forest Park	Virginia	700
Richmond National Battlefield Park	Virginia	2,000
Saguaro National Park	Arizona	2,320
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	California	1,500
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan	1,000
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	Florida	1,320
Valley Forge National Historical Park	Pennsylvania	2,000
Virgin Islands National Park	U.S. Virgin Islands	1,500
Western Arctic National Parklands	Alaska	1,200
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Alaska	700
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$73,469</b>

### Justification of FY 2004 Budget Request: Federal Land Acquisition

Request Component	Amount
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	73,469
Programmatic Changes	
• Land Acquisitions	-6,500
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-6,500</b>
Uncontrollable changes	No change
<b>FY 2004 Budget Request</b>	<b>66,969</b>
Net change	-6,500

NPS is proposing \$66.969 million for Federal Land Acquisition in FY 2004. The decrease in funding of \$6.5 million from the President's 2003 Request reflects an ongoing shift in the Department's strategy for increasing land conservation activities through partnerships with private groups and local and state governments. In light of the current service-wide demands that the NPS already faces in maintaining its

existing land holdings, this reduction emphasizes efforts to administer to lands already under the Bureau's charge.

Following is a listing of the FY 2004 NPS request of land acquisition line items, with their NPS priority rank noted. These proposed acquisitions have two primary aims: protection of undeveloped acreage from incompatible uses, and the preservation of historically significant sites associated with the Civil War.

The estimated annual operating costs associated with proposed FY 2004 LWCF acquisitions total \$1.032 million. Future increased operational costs have been identified at only two of the six affected parks (indicated by asterisks in the table below), as follows:

- Big Thicket National Preserve (\$0.152 million), where additional trails, streams, and public access areas will require patrols, public/private interfacing, and management of unique resources
- Valley Forge National Park (\$0.340 million), needing to protect cultural resources and visitors in new areas remote from most park operations

#### **Fiscal Year 2004 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Program/Park Unit</b>	<b>State(s)</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Emergencies/Hardships		-	\$4,000
	Inholdings/Exchanges		-	4,000
	Civil War Battlefield Sites (Grants)	Various	N/A	2,000
1	Big Cypress National Preserve	Florida	N/A	40,000
5	* Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	3,368	5,400
2	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	Hawaii	26,293.86	5,000
4	Obed Wild and Scenic River <sup>1</sup>	Tennessee	700	1,569
3	* Valley Forge National Historical Park	Pennsylvania	62	5,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>30,423.86</b>	<b>\$66,969</b>

\*Additional future operational costs have been identified with acquisition

<sup>1</sup>A ceiling increase is required to permit the requested appropriation for Obed WSR

A more comprehensive table of the FY 2004 NPS Federal Land Acquisition program follows.

