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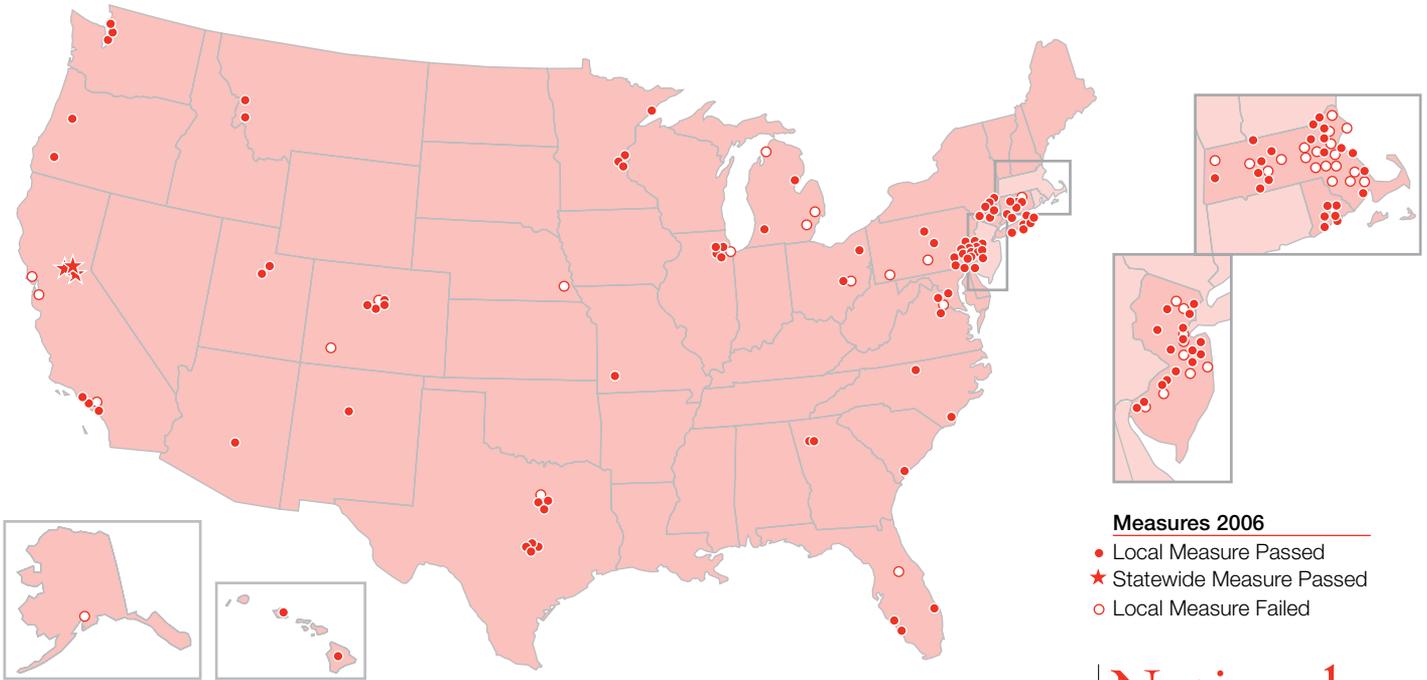
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Measures 2006

- Local Measure Passed
- ★ Statewide Measure Passed
- Local Measure Failed

Voter-approved funding for land conservation reached record levels in 2006. At the November 7th midterm elections, voters in 23 states approved 104 ballot measures, which will provide \$6.4 billion in new funding for land conservation. This eclipses the previous record, set in the November 1998 election, of \$5.68 billion. Voter-approved funding for the entire year also reached an all-time high of \$6.7 billion, compared to \$5.86 billion in 1998. Furthermore, the 80 percent approval rate for the November election outpaced the 75 percent approval rate that has been common over the past decade.

Beyond the record setting levels of funding created, 2006 was a notable year because of the wide variety of communities that approved conservation finance ballot measures. Conservation finance reached mainstream America in 2006 when voters united to support ballot measures in large urban counties, small blue-collar cities, and rural ranching communities, in addition to the affluent suburbs and resort communities where the local conservation finance movement began decades ago.

Among the notable counties that approved ballot measures in 2006 were:

Cobb County, GA, a fiscally conservative county outside Atlanta, where voters approved a \$40 million bond for land conservation with 72 percent support.

Salt Lake County, UT, where voters endorsed a \$48 million bond with 71 percent “yes”.

Ravalli County, MT, a fast-growing ranching community, which approved a \$10 million bond with 58 percent support.

Quincy, MA, a small blue-collar city that approved a property tax hike with 57 percent approval.

Hawaii and Honolulu Counties, which both approved property tax measures by wide margins, so that now every county in Hawaii has a dedicated fund for land conservation.

Though the 2006 midterm elections saw a shift in Congressional power from the Republicans to the Democrats, voter support in favor of land conservation

remained steadfastly bipartisan. The largest measures were in “blue-states”, including this year’s largest, a statewide bond in California, totaling \$5.39 billion for water quality projects with \$2.25 billion for acquisition and protection of open lands. And yet, support for conservation funding measures remained equally strong in areas where Republican politicians were also overwhelmingly supported.

Washington County, MN voters were successful in passing a \$20 million bond for parks and other natural areas with 61 percent support. Voters also supported Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty over Democratic challenger Mike Hatch, 56 to 44 percent.

Voters in **Beaufort County, SC** passed a \$50 million bond with 75 percent support. The bond will help continue the county’s land preservation program. County voters also supported Republican Governor Mark Sanford over Democratic challenger Tom Moore with 61 percent support.

In **Paulding County, GA**, just West of Cobb County, voters passed a \$15.23 million parks and open space bond with 71 percent of the vote. The county also supported Republican incumbent Governor Sonny Purdue with 75 percent support over Democratic challenger Mark Taylor.

Finally, **Dallas, TX** voters approved a parks and recreation bond that included over \$36 million for land acquisition. The measure passed with 81 percent support. Texas, home to President George W. Bush, continued its unwavering support for land conservation with all six local spending measures for parks and conservation sweeping to victory, none garnering less than 61 percent of the vote.

The results in 2006 will leave a lasting impression throughout the country. The record approval of billions of dollars for land conservation will allow state and local communities to protect their drinking water, preserve working farms and ranches, save natural lands from development and create new parks. In addition, the breakthrough into mainstream America of land conservation funding measures will help spread the idea of a “culture of conservation” throughout 2007 and for many years to come.

National Overview

Abbreviations and Symbols Used

Co.	County
Bor.	Borough
Twp.	Township
PD	Park District
CPA	Community Preservation Act Massachusetts
1	Municipal Measure
1	County Measure
★	Statewide Measure

Frequently Asked Questions

How is conservation funding calculated by LandVote?

LandVote only tracks conservation measures considered by voters — ballot measures.

LandVote tracks two major types of conservation ballot measures. The first type are ballot measures that authorize sales, property, income, and other taxes to pay for conservation. These are often called “pay as you go” funding sources. When a ballot measure authorizes a new tax, LandVote counts the estimated revenue generated for the duration of the tax. When the tax is not limited to a specific term, a duration of 20 years is used to generate the figure. In all cases the total funds generated over the life of the measure are conservatively estimated and do not reflect likely increases in the tax base. When a ballot measure increases an existing open space tax, LandVote counts only the value of the added increment.

A second type of ballot measure is the bond measure—a ballot question that authorizes the use of bonded indebtedness (general obligation bonds) for the purpose of financing capital improvements such as land conservation. In tabulating results, LandVote counts the face value of the bonds authorized, rather than the much higher value of repaying the bonds in the future. Bonds usually extend for 20 or 30 years.

How does LandVote estimate all the amounts from ballot measures in 2006?

LandVote tabulates local and state conservation ballot measures in two ways: 1) the total measure funding for land acquisition and restoration, and all other purposes, and 2) the open space funding for land acquisition and protection. Both sets of figures document and help explain the substantial voter support that exists for conservation and the voters’ willingness to pay for conservation.



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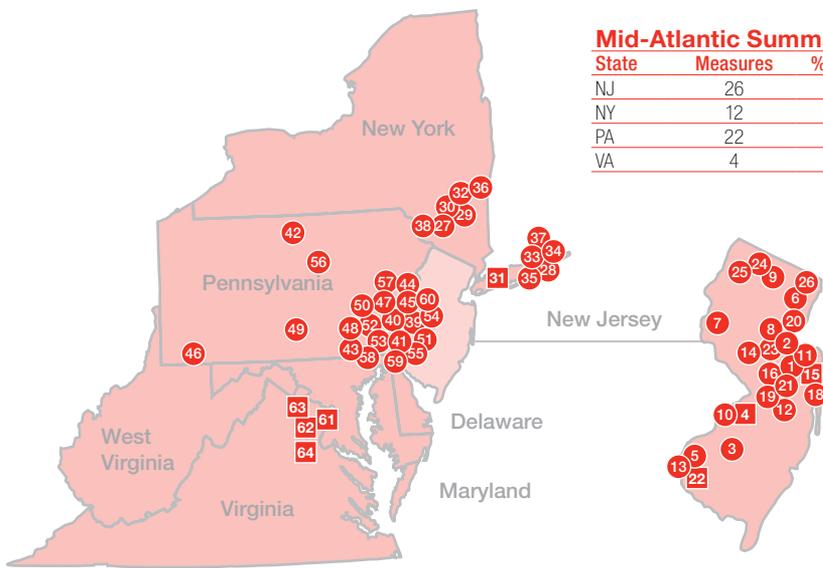
State	Jurisdiction Name	Date	Finance Mechanism	Conservation Funds at Stake	Conservation Funds Acquired	Pass?	Status	% Yes	% No
USPT	CA California	11-07-2006	Bond	\$2,253,000,000	\$2,253,000,000	✓	Pass	54%	46%
NSPT	CA California	11-07-2006	Bond	\$450,000,000	\$450,000,000	✓	Pass	58%	42%
NSPT	CA California	11-07-2006	Bond	\$390,000,000	\$390,000,000	✓	Pass	64%	36%
USPT	CA Castro Valley	11-07-2006	Bond	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	✗	Fail	63%	37%
USPT	CA Claremont	11-07-2006	Bond	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	✓	Pass	71%	29%
USPT	CA Orange County	11-07-2006	Sales tax	\$244,000,000	\$244,000,000	✓	Pass	70%	30%
NSPT	CA San Luis Obispo	11-07-2006	Sales tax	\$11,200,000	\$11,200,000	✓	Pass	67%	33%
NSPT	CA Santa Monica	11-07-2006	Share	\$11,760,000	\$11,760,000	✓	Pass	67%	33%
USPT	CA Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District	11-07-2006	Sales tax	\$340,000,000	\$340,000,000	✓	Pass	76%	24%
NSPT	CO Basalt	11-07-2006	Sales tax	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	✓	Pass	67%	33%
NSPT	CO Clear Creek County	11-07-2006	Property tax	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	✗	Fail	44%	56%
NSPT	CO Gilpin County	11-07-2006	Property tax	\$5,969,200	\$5,969,200	✗	Fail	34%	66%
NSPT	CO Pitkin County	11-07-2006	Property tax	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000	✓	Pass	72%	28%
USPT	CO Telluride	11-07-2006	Bond	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000	✓	Pass	64%	36%
NSPT	CO Westcliffe	11-07-2006	Sales tax	\$62,500,000	\$62,500,000	✓	Pass	71%	29%
NSPT	CT Mansfield	11-07-2006	Bond	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	✓	Pass	72%	28%
NSPT	CT Shelton	11-07-2006	Bond	\$4,300,000	\$4,300,000	✓	Pass	73%	27%
NSPT	CT Simsbury	11-07-2006	Bond	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	✓	Pass	67%	33%



Across the country, dozens of state and local governments vote each year to raise public funds in support of land conservation. The TPL LandVote Database is the premier source of information about these ballot measures. The database brings together a 19-year, comprehensive history for all conservation-related ballot measures since 1988.

- ✓ The latest statistics and election results and always available online
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Mid-Atlantic Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
NJ	26	62%	\$770,598,694	\$769,798,694
NY	12	100%	\$781,476,307	\$781,476,307
PA	22	91%	\$149,920,000	\$149,920,000
VA	4	75%	\$87,950,000	\$22,150,000

Mid-Atlantic Region

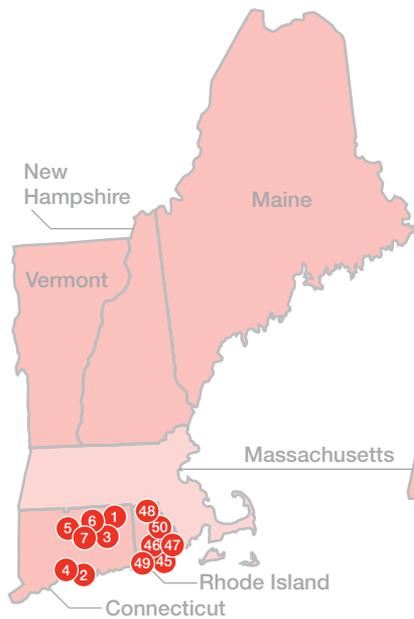
Mid-Atlantic Region Election Results 2006

Funds Approved

State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space
1 NJ Allentown Bor.	Nov. 7	Pass	74%	26%	1 cent per \$100 property tax for the preservation of open space	\$271,837	\$271,837
2 NJ Andover Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	62%	38%	1 to 2 cents per \$100 property tax to preserve open space	\$800,000	\$800,000
3 NJ Berlin Bor.	Nov. 7	Fail	41%	59%	2 cents per \$100 property tax increase to establish an Open Space Trust Fund		
4 NJ Burlington Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	75%	25%	18 to 25-year extension of a 4 cents per \$100 property tax for the land preservation program	\$412,500,000	\$412,500,000
5 NJ Carney's Point Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	53%	47%	2 cents per \$100 property tax for the preservation of farmland, open space, and recreational lands	\$1,732,565	\$1,732,565
6 NJ Cedar Grove Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	69%	31%	2-year extension of 2 cents per \$100 property tax for open space	\$126,632	\$126,632
7 NJ Delaware Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	2 cents per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
8 NJ East Rutherford Bor.	Nov. 7	Fail	44%	56%	5-year, 5 cents per \$100 property tax to establish an Open Space Trust Fund for land acquisition and preservation		
9 NJ Franklin Lakes Bor.	Nov. 7	Fail	46%	54%	1 cent per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space and farmland		
10 NJ Haddonfield Bor.	Nov. 7	Pass	51%	49%	5-year, 2 cents per \$100 property tax for establishment of an open space trust fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
11 NJ Hazlet Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	51%	49%	1 cent per \$100 property tax for the creation of an open space trust fund	\$2,120,000	\$2,120,000
12 NJ Jackson Twp.	May 9	Fail	44%	56%	1.5 cents per \$100 property tax increase for open space conservation		
13 NJ Mannington Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	61%	39%	2 cents per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of natural areas, open space and farmland	\$716,792	\$716,792
14 NJ Millstone Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	51%	49%	1 cent per \$100 property tax increase for open space and farmland acquisition and preservation	\$2,644,069	\$2,644,069
15 NJ Monmouth Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	1.5 cents per \$100 property tax for open space and farmland preservation	\$320,000,000	\$320,000,000
16 NJ Newton	Nov. 7	Fail	44%	56%	.5% property tax to create a fund for the acquisition of open space		
17 NJ Peapack-Gladstone Bor.	Nov. 7	Fail	45%	55%	3 cents per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space		
18 NJ Pine Beach Bor.	Nov. 7	Fail	46%	54%	Up to 3.5 cents per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space		
19 NJ Readington Twp.	May 16	Pass	56%	44%	Bond to buy the development rights of Solberg Airport and its surrounding areas to preserve as open space	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
20 NJ River Edge Bor.	Nov. 7	Pass	52%	48%	5-year, 1 cent per \$100 property tax increase for the purchase and maintenance of conservation and recreational lands	\$809,508	\$809,508
21 NJ Rocky Hill Bor.	Nov. 7	Pass	67%	33%	2 cent per \$100 property tax increase for open space and farmland trust fund	\$424,076	\$424,076
22 NJ Salem Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	2 cents per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space and farmland		
23 NJ South Orange Village Twp.	Nov. 7	Fail	31%	69%	1 cent per \$100 property tax increase for the preservation of open space and farmland		
24 NJ Vernon Twp.	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	5-year, 1 cent per \$100 property tax for the preservation of open space and farmland		
25 NJ Wantage Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	51%	49%	10 year, .5 to 2 cents per \$100 property tax to create a Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

Mid-Atlantic Region (continued)

26	NJ	Wyckoff Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	53%	47%	5-year, .5 cent per \$100 property tax for the preservation of open space	\$1,153,215	\$1,153,215
27	NY	Beacon	Nov. 7	Pass	52%	48%	Bond for land preservation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
28	NY	East Hampton	Nov. 7	Pass	69%	31%	10-year; 2% tax extension on real estate transactions to protect open space	\$244,453,549	\$244,453,549
29	NY	Gardiner	Nov. 7	Pass	50%	50%	Bond for the preservation of farmland, wildlife habitat, open space, and water resources	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
30	NY	Marbletown	Nov. 7	Pass	50%	50%	Bond to preserve working farms and natural areas	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
31	NY	Nassau Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	78%	22%	Bond for the protection of open space, parks, and watersheds	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
32	NY	New Paltz	Nov. 7	Pass	63%	37%	Bond to purchase development rights to protect town water sources and preserve open space	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
33	NY	Riverhead	Nov. 7	Pass	62%	38%	10-year; 2% tax extension on real estate transactions to protect open space	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
34	NY	Shelter Island	Nov. 7	Pass	78%	22%	10-year; 2% tax extension on real estate transactions to protect open space	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
35	NY	Southampton	Nov. 7	Pass	62%	38%	10-year; 2% tax extension from 2020-2030 on real estate transactions to protect open space	\$310,774,164	\$310,774,164
36	NY	Southeast	Nov. 7	Pass	50%	50%	Bond to purchase open space	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
37	NY	Southold	Nov. 7	Pass	67%	33%	10-year; 2% tax extension on real estate transactions to protect open space	\$39,748,594	\$39,748,594
38	NY	Warwick	Nov. 7	Pass	52%	48%	.75 percent real estate transfer tax the proceeds of which will be used for open space preservation	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
39	PA	East Pikeland Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	.25% earned income tax increase for the preservation of open space	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
40	PA	East Rockhill Twp.	May 16	Pass	53%	47%	.125% earned income tax increase for the purchase of open space, farmland and recreational lands	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
41	PA	East Vincent Twp.	May 16	Pass	55%	45%	.2% earned income tax increase for open space, parks, and farmland	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
42	PA	Elk Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	.5% earned income tax increase for the preservation of open space, farmland, and historic lands	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
43	PA	London Grove Twp.	May 16	Pass	51%	49%	.25 of one percent earned income tax increase for the purchase of land for the protection, preservation and conservation of open space	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
44	PA	Lower Mount Bethel Twp.	May 16	Pass	76%	24%	.25% earned income tax to fund open space preservation	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
45	PA	Lower Saucon Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	60%	40%	5-year, .25% earned income tax increase for the preservation of open space, farmland and recreational lands	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
46	PA	Middle Smithfield Twp.	Nov. 7	Fail	44%	56%	.25% earned income tax increase for the acquisition of open space, farmland, and recreational land		
47	PA	New Hanover Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	57%	43%	.15% earned income tax increase for open space	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
48	PA	Paradise Twp.	May 16	Pass	72%	28%	.25% earned income tax increase for the purchase of open space, conservation easements, and recreational lands	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
49	PA	Plainfield Twp.	May 16	Fail	42%	58%	.25% earned income tax increase to purchase land, easements and property rights		
50	PA	Pocopson Twp.	May 16	Pass	64%	36%	1 mill property tax increase for the purchase of open space	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
51	PA	Radnor Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	79%	21%	Bond for the preservation of open space and recreational lands	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
52	PA	Schuylkill Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	64%	36%	.25% earned income tax increase for the preservation of open space	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000
53	PA	Springfield Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	74%	26%	Bond to buy easements to preserve open space	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
54	PA	Upper Dublin Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	Bond for the acquisition of land and/or easements to protect natural and cultural resources	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
55	PA	Upper Merion Twp.	May 16	Pass	85%	15%	Bond for the purchase of open space	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
56	PA	Upper Pottsgrove Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	60%	40%	.25% earned income tax increase to buy and preserve open space	\$2,720,000	\$2,720,000
57	PA	Warwick Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	72%	28%	Bond for the preservation of open space, farmland and parks	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
58	PA	West Vincent Twp.	May 16	Pass	70%	30%	1 to 1.25% earned income tax increase for the purchase of open space	\$3,700,000	\$3,700,000
59	PA	Whitemarsh Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	62%	38%	.25% income tax increase for the preservation of open space and farmland	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
60	PA	Wrightstown Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	78%	22%	Bond for the preservation of open space	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
61	VA	Arlington Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	74%	26%	Bond for parks and recreations including open space acquisition	\$35,950,000	\$8,400,000
62	VA	Fairfax Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	77%	23%	Bond for new parks, park facilities, and the preservation of open space	\$25,000,000	\$10,000,000
63	VA	Prince William Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	76%	24%	Bond for park improvements including the acquisition of open space	\$27,000,000	\$3,750,000
64	VA	Stafford Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	40%	60%	Bond for park and recreation projects including some land acquisition		



New England Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
CT	7	86%	\$20,950,000	\$20,950,000
MA	37	49%	\$88,889,520	\$30,629,839
RI	6	100%	\$30,000,000	\$18,000,000

New England Region

New England Region Election Results 2006

New England Region Election Results 2006						Funds Approved	
State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space
1 CT Brooklyn	May 31	Fail	40%	60%	Bond to purchase a golf course which would additionally be used for open space and recreational activities		
2 CT Killingworth	Feb. 15	Pass	80%	20%	Bond to purchase a parcel of land to use as parkland and open space	\$2,650,000	\$2,650,000
3 CT Mansfield	Nov. 7	Pass	72%	28%	Bond for the acquisition of open space and recreational lands	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
4 CT Shelton	Nov. 7	Pass	75%	25%	Bond for the preservation of 140 acres of farmland known as the Jones Family Farm	\$4,300,000	\$4,300,000
5 CT Simsbury	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	Bond for the preservation of trails, wetlands, forests and open space	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
6 CT Tolland	Nov. 7	Pass	73%	27%	Bond for the purchase and protection of open space	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
7 CT Wethersfield	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	Bond for land acquisitions	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
8 MA Amherst	Nov. 7	Pass	57%	43%	CPA, .5% property tax surcharge increase	\$1,641,140	\$547,047
9 MA Berlin	May 8	Fail	49%	51%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		
10 MA Brookline	Nov. 7	Fail	43%	57%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
11 MA Canton	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge		
12 MA Carver	Apr. 22	Pass	62%	38%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$6,117,880	\$2,039,293
13 MA Dunstable	May 15	Pass	71%	29%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$3,429,000	\$1,143,000
14 MA East Longmeadow	Apr. 11	Pass	63%	37%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$3,400,000	\$1,133,333
15 MA Essex	May 8	Fail	43%	57%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
16 MA Hatfield	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$1,973,840	\$657,947
17 MA Hubbardston	Nov. 7	Pass	53%	47%	CPA, 1.5% property tax surcharge	\$814,560	\$271,520
18 MA Hull	Nov. 7	Fail	36%	64%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
19 MA Lakeville	Apr. 3	Fail	26%	74%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge		
20 MA Lenox	Nov. 7	Pass	50%	50%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$4,669,780	\$1,556,593
21 MA Lexington	Mar. 6	Pass	63%	37%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$12,280,000	\$4,093,333
22 MA Longmeadow	Jun. 6	Pass	66%	34%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$5,000,000	\$1,666,667
23 MA Mattapoisett	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$2,389,500	\$796,500
24 MA Maynard	May 1	Pass	66%	34%	CPA, 1.5% property tax surcharge	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000
25 MA Millis	Nov. 7	Pass	57%	43%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$2,257,780	\$752,593
26 MA Monson	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$2,502,060	\$834,020
27 MA Natick	Mar. 28	Fail	39%	61%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge		
28 MA New Salem	May 1	Fail	44%	56%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		
29 MA Palmer	Nov. 7	Fail	30%	70%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
30 MA Paxton	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
31 MA Pembroke	Nov. 7	Pass	57%	43%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$3,728,220	\$1,242,740
32 MA Pittsfield	Nov. 7	Fail	42%	58%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge		
33 MA Plympton	May 20	Fail	49%	51%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
34 MA Quincy	Nov. 7	Pass	57%	43%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge	\$21,772,560	\$7,257,520
35 MA Rochester	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	CPA, 1% property tax surcharge		
36 MA Sterling	May 22	Fail	39%	61%	CPA, 1.9% property tax surcharge		
37 MA Stoughton	Nov. 7	Fail	42%	58%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		

New England Region (continued)

38	MA	Sutton	May 23	Fail	33%	67%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge		
39	MA	Swampscott	Apr. 25	Fail	42%	58%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		
40	MA	Tewksbury	Apr. 1	Pass	53%	47%	CPA, 1.5% property tax surcharge	\$8,979,660	\$2,993,220
41	MA	West Newbury	May 1	Pass	57%	43%	CPA, 3% property tax surcharge	\$3,433,540	\$1,144,513
42	MA	Westport	Jun. 27	Pass	54%	46%	Renewal of agricultural and open space preservation fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
43	MA	Wrentham	Apr. 3	Fail	44%	56%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		
44	MA	Wrentham	Nov. 7	Fail	47%	53%	CPA, 2% property tax surcharge		
45	RI	Bristol	Nov. 7	Pass	70%	30%	Bond, partially to acquire open space, and protect watersheds and recreational areas	\$15,000,000	\$3,000,000
46	RI	Cumberland	Nov. 7	Pass	78%	22%	Bond for the acquisition and preservation of open space	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
47	RI	Middletown	Nov. 7	Pass	72%	28%	Bond for the acquisition and development of open space	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
48	RI	North Smithfield	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	Bond for the acquisition and preservation of open space	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
49	RI	South Kingstown	Nov. 7	Pass	80%	20%	Bond for the acquisition of open space, farmland and recreational lands	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
50	RI	Warwick	Nov. 7	Pass	61%	39%	Bond for open space purposes	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000



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Midwest Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
IL	4	75%	\$84,900,000	\$75,500,000
MI	5	40%	\$35,257,861	\$35,257,861
MN	4	100%	\$31,160,000	\$31,160,000
MO	1	100%	\$50,000,000	\$17,400,000
NE	1	0%	\$0	\$0
OH	3	67%	\$80,360,000	\$13,080,000

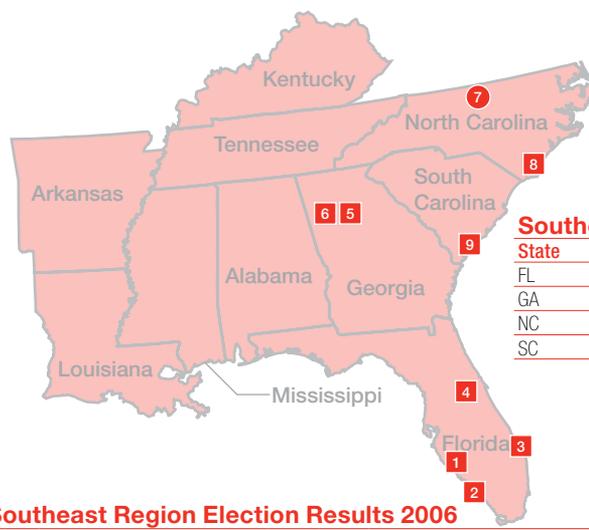
Midwest Region

Midwest Region Election Results 2006

Funds Approved

State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space
1 IL DeKalb Co. Forest Preserve District	Mar. 21	Pass	52%	48%	10-year, 6-cent property tax increase for the purchase of open space land for preservation	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
2 IL DuPage Co. Forest Preserve District	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	Bond for the preservation of open space	\$68,000,000	\$68,000,000
3 IL Glen Ellyn PD	Mar. 21	Fail	40%	60%	Bond to purchase land for parks and to develop and maintain existing parks		
4 IL Glen Ellyn PD	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	Bond for capital projects including the preservation of open space	\$11,900,000	\$2,500,000
5 MI Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority	Aug. 8	Fail	42%	58%	20-year, 1-mill property tax levy to fund the purchase of land for new parks and open space		
6 MI Lapeer Co.	Aug. 8	Fail	41%	59%	8-year, .6 mill property tax to begin a purchase of development rights program		
7 MI Leelanau Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	38%	62%	15-year, .5 mill property tax for farmland preservation		
8 MI Long Lake Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	20-year, .46 mill property tax increase for the preservation of open space, wildlife habitat, forests, and water quality	\$3,057,861	\$3,057,861
9 MI Ottawa Co.	Aug. 8	Pass	67%	33%	10-year, .33 mill extension for parks, recreation and open space	\$32,200,000	\$32,200,000
10 MN Andover	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	Bond for the preservation of land, watersheds and wildlife	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
11 MN Plymouth	Nov. 7	Pass	64%	36%	Bond for the acquisition of land for open space, greenways, parks, and recreational lands	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
12 MN Tofte	Jun. 13	Pass	77%	23%	Bond for the acquisition of 29 acres of parkland	\$160,000	\$160,000
13 MN Washington Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	61%	39%	Bond to purchase land to protect water quality, wetlands, woodlands, lakes, rivers and streams	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
14 MO Greene Co.	Aug. 8	Pass	58%	42%	5-year, .25% sales tax for park acquisition, recreation facilities, and watershed protection	\$50,000,000	\$17,400,000
15 NE Lincoln	May 9	Fail	45%	55%	Bond for the purchase of land for a linear park in the city		
16 OH Granville Twp.	Nov. 7	Pass	70%	30%	5-year, 1 mill replacement property tax for the preservation of open space and watersheds	\$1,480,000	\$1,480,000
17 OH Licking Co. PD	Nov. 7	Fail	43%	57%	10-year, .7 mill property tax increase for the preservation of open space, habitat, and greenways, and park improvements		
18 OH Summit Co. Metroparks	Nov. 7	Pass	56%	44%	8-year, renewal and increase to 1.46 mills property tax levy for the maintenance, acquisition and improvement of parks	\$78,880,000	\$11,600,000

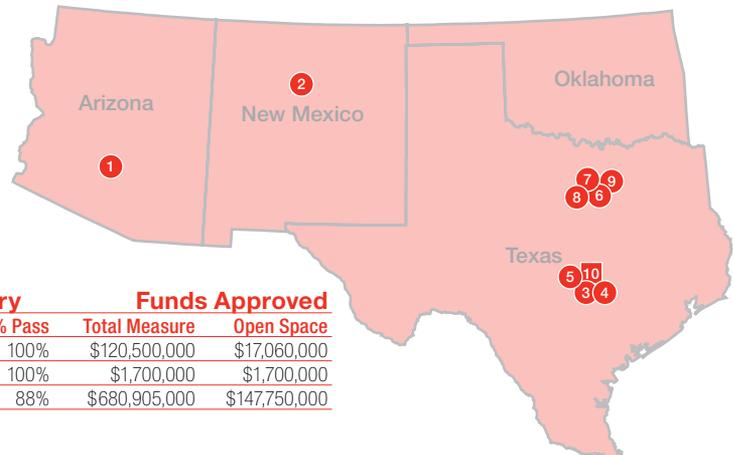
Southeast Region



Southeast Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
FL	4	75%	\$260,000,000	\$230,000,000
GA	2	100%	\$55,230,000	\$55,230,000
NC	2	100%	\$40,500,000	\$13,100,014
SC	1	100%	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000

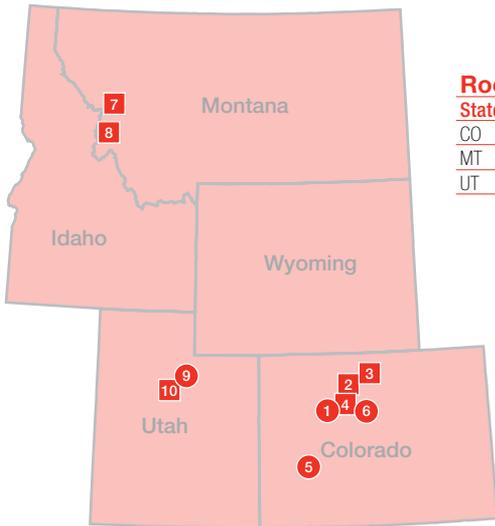
Southeast Region Election Results 2006							Funds Approved	
State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space	
1 FL Charlotte Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	53%	47%	Bond for a 20-year Environmentally Sensitive Lands program to buy land for preservation	\$77,000,000	\$77,000,000	
2 FL Collier Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	82%	18%	Current cap of \$75M in property tax revenue will be increased to \$198M	\$123,000,000	\$123,000,000	
3 FL Martin Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	55%	45%	.5 cent sales tax increase for clean water, wildlife habitat, and park improvements	\$60,000,000	\$30,000,000	
4 FL Seminole Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	49%	51%	10-year, .20 mill property tax increase for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands			
5 GA Cobb Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	72%	28%	Bond for the acquisition of public parks and open space	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	
6 GA Paulding Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	70%	30%	Bond for the preservation of open space, wildlife habitat and recreational areas	\$15,230,000	\$15,230,000	
7 NC Greensboro	Nov. 7	Pass	62%	38%	Bond for the acquisition of new parkland and improvements to existing parks	\$5,000,000	\$2,400,014	
8 NC New Hanover Co.	May 2	Pass	67%	33%	Bond for parks and recreation improvements including the purchase of recreational lands	\$35,500,000	\$10,700,000	
9 SC Beaufort Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	76%	24%	Bond to preserve natural land, farmland and water quality	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	

Southwest Region



Southwest Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
AZ	1	100%	\$120,500,000	\$17,060,000
NM	1	100%	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
TX	8	88%	\$680,905,000	\$147,750,000

Southwest Region Election Results 2006							Funds Approved	
State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space	
1 AZ Phoenix	Mar. 14	Pass	63%	37%	Bond for recreational opportunities, open spaces and parks	\$120,500,000	\$17,060,000	
2 NM Bernalillo	Mar. 7	Pass	78%	22%	1/8 of 1% gross receipts tax increase for open space and water rights acquisition	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	
3 TX Austin	Nov. 7	Pass	73%	27%	Proposition 3, bond for park land acquisition and park improvements	\$84,700,000	\$20,000,000	
4 TX Austin	Nov. 7	Pass	69%	31%	Proposition 2, bond for drainage and water quality protection	\$145,000,000	\$50,000,000	
5 TX Bee Cave	Nov. 7	Pass	77%	23%	Bond for the development and acquisition of parks and open space	\$7,000,000	\$3,500,000	
6 TX Dallas	Nov. 7	Pass	81%	19%	Proposition 3, bond for park and recreation facilities	\$343,230,000	\$36,750,000	
7 TX Frisco	May 13	Pass	72%	28%	Bond for the acquisition and initial development of Grand Park	\$22,500,000	\$22,500,000	
8 TX Irving	Nov. 7	Pass	69%	31%	Bond for park improvements including funding for some parkland acquisition	\$56,475,000	\$5,000,000	
9 TX Rowlett	May 13	Fail	38%	62%	Bond for park and trail acquisition and recreational facilities			
10 TX Williamson Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	61%	39%	Bond for the purpose of equipping and acquiring land for parks, open space and trails	\$22,000,000	\$10,000,000	



Rocky Mountain Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
CO	6	67%	\$176,100,000	\$113,600,000
MT	2	100%	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
UT	2	100%	\$68,000,000	\$68,000,000

Rocky Mountain Region

Rocky Mountain Region Election Results 2006

Rocky Mountain Region Election Results 2006						Funds Approved	
State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space
1 CO Basalt	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	1% local sales tax increase for the acquisition of parks, trails and open space	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
2 CO Clear Creek Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	46%	54%	1 mill property tax increase for the acquisition and preservation of open space lands		
3 CO Gilpin Co.	Nov. 7	Fail	34%	66%	1 mill property tax increase for the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of open space		
4 CO Pitkin Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	72%	28%	10-year, extension of 3.75 mill property tax levy for open space and trails	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000
5 CO Telluride	Nov. 7	Pass	64%	36%	Bond issue to purchase 57- acres of the "Valley Floor"	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000
6 CO Westminster	Nov. 7	Pass	71%	29%	25-year extension, .25 percent sales tax for open space, parks and recreation	\$125,000,000	\$62,500,000
7 MT Missoula Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	71%	29%	Bond for the preservation of open space	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
8 MT Ravalli Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	58%	42%	Bond to purchase farmland and open space	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
9 UT Park City	Nov. 7	Pass	82%	18%	Bond for the purchase of open space and recreational lands	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
10 UT Salt Lake Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	71%	29%	Bond for the purchase of open space, parks, and trails	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000



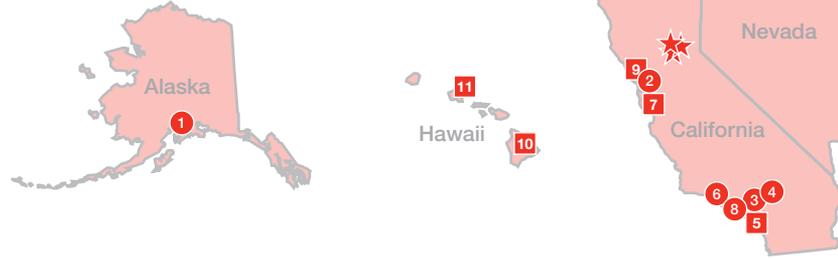
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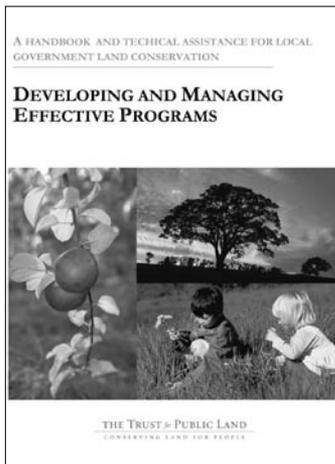
West Summary			Funds Approved	
State	Measures	% Pass	Total Measure	Open Space
AK	1	0	\$0	\$0
CA	11	82%	\$24,940,900,000	\$3,636,180,000
HI	2	100%	\$152,434,820	\$102,434,820
Ore	2	100%	\$254,890,000	\$247,600,000
WA	3	100%	\$69,045,000	\$57,500,000



West Region Election Results 2006

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State/Jurisdiction	Date	Status	Yes	No	Description	Total Measure	Open Space	
① AK Anchorage	Apr. 4	Fail	49%	51%	Bond to protect water quality and to preserve and enhance open space and natural areas			
★ CA California	Nov. 7	Pass	54%	46%	Prop 84, parks and water bond to improve drinking water, flood control, protection of coastlines, and state parks	\$5,388,000,000	\$2,253,000,000	
★ CA California	Nov. 7	Pass	58%	42%	Prop. 1C, housing bonds which include funding for public park acquisition	\$2,850,000,000	\$400,000,000	
★ CA California	Nov. 7	Pass	64%	36%	Proposition 1E, bond for disaster preparedness and flood prevention which includes the acquisition of land	\$4,090,000,000	\$290,000,000	
② CA Castro Valley	Nov. 7	Fail	63%	37%	Bond to create the Castro Valley Park Zone through the acquisition and maintenance of open space and parkland			
③ CA Claremont	Jul. 25	Fail	44%	56%	Creation of Park Enhancement Assessment District to help purchase open space including Johnson's Pasture, a 186-acre hillside			
④ CA Claremont	Nov. 7	Pass	71%	29%	Bond for the purchase of Johnson's Pasture	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	
⑤ CA Orange Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	70%	30%	Measure M, 30-year extension of .5 cent sales tax for transportation purposes which includes funding for the preservation of areas of high ecological value including habitat	\$11,800,000,000	\$244,000,000	
⑥ CA San Luis Obispo	Nov. 7	Pass	65%	35%	10-year, .5 cent local sales tax increase for essential services including the protection of open space	\$45,000,000	\$11,250,000	
⑦ CA Santa Clara Co.	Jun. 6	Pass	71%	29%	12-year continuation of .01425 per \$100 property tax for land acquisition, development, and maintenance of parkland	\$368,400,000	\$73,680,000	
⑧ CA Santa Monica	Nov. 7	Pass	67%	33%	\$84 per single residential family unit parcel tax to implement the Watershed Management Plan	\$47,000,000	\$11,750,000	
⑨ CA Sonoma Co. Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District	Nov. 7	Pass	76%	24%	20-year, continuation of a quarter-cent sales tax for open space, clean water, and farmland protection	\$340,000,000	\$340,000,000	
⑩ HI Hawaii Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	63%	37%	Ordinance amendment to earmark 2% of property tax revenues to be placed in the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund	\$52,434,820	\$52,434,820	
⑪ HI Honolulu Co.	Nov. 7	Pass	58%	42%	Proposal 91, Charter Amendment to set aside .5% of property tax revenues for land and natural resource protection and another .5% for affordable housing	\$100,000,000	\$50,000,000	
⑫ OR Eugene	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	Bond to acquire parks and open space	\$27,490,000	\$20,200,000	
⑬ OR Metro-Portland	Nov. 7	Pass	59%	41%	Bond to preserve natural areas, and protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitats	\$227,400,000	\$227,400,000	
⑭ WA Bellingham	May 16	Pass	59%	41%	10-year, 57 cents per \$1000 property tax increase to fund the acquisition of greenways, open space, parks, and trails	\$44,000,000	\$44,000,000	
⑮ WA Issaquah	Nov. 7	Pass	74%	26%	Bond for the purchase of natural areas, parks, and trails, and for park improvements	\$6,250,000	\$3,500,000	
⑯ WA Shoreline	May 16	Pass	70%	30%	Bond for open space, parks and trails	\$18,795,000	\$10,000,000	

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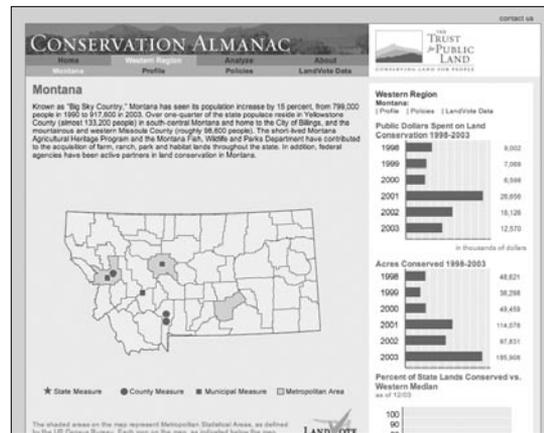
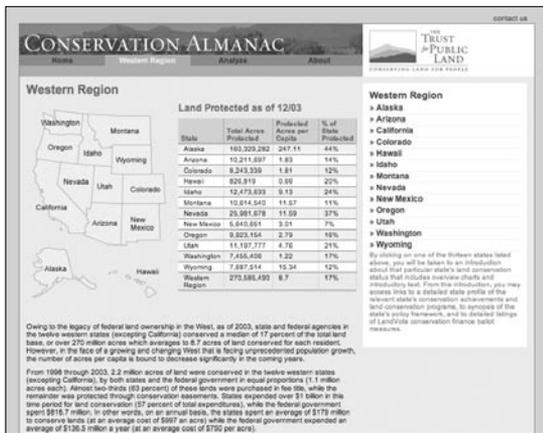
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