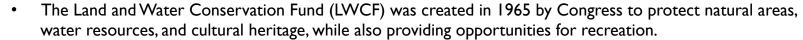
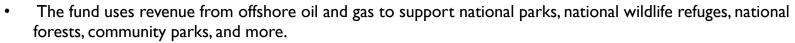
# GOP Members of Congress Disagree on Federal Conservation Program

## What is the Land and Water Conservation Fund?





• The fund expired in September, but is currently active under the current federal spending resolution.

#### What is happening with the LWCF in the House?

• The House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) has plans to overhaul the fund.



Bishop believes the federal government has too much power with the fund and he introduced a bill limiting federal land purchases and instead giving more money to state conservation programs.

## How is Congress reacting to Bishop's plan for LWCF?

• Democrats oppose the plan and support a clean reauthorization of the fund.



- Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) also does not support Bishop's plan to overhaul the LWCF, and he authored a bill to permanently <u>reauthorize</u> the LWCF.
- Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA) criticized Bishop's bill and supports reauthorizing the LWCF in its current form.

## What can we expect next for the LWCF?

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted to reauthorized the LWCF over the summer.
- This bill would split the fund evenly between state and local programs, but it awaits a full Senate vote.
- Currently, action on the bill stalled while other issues are the focus in the Senate.

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