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### PROGRAMA DE TIERRAS FEDERALES A PARQUES

"OCAM la mano amiga de los municipios ...", desea recordarles que el servicio de Parques Nacionales de Estados Unidos tiene a su disposición el Programa de Tierras Federales a Parques (FLP siglas en inglés) para beneficio de todos los municipios. El mismo consiste en traspasar excedentes de propiedades inmuebles, libre de costos, a los gobiernos estatales y locales, para ser convertidos en parques públicos recreacionales.

Adjunto copia de la comunicación, la cual se explica por sí sola.

De surgir cualquier duda, favor comunicarse con el Sr. Bill Huie, Gerente del Programa de Parques Nacionales de Estados Unidos, al 1(404) 562-3175.

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# Federal Lands to Parks Program

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"Bringing Parks to People for Over 50 Years, 1949 - 2007"  
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## WHAT IS THE FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS PROGRAM?

The Federal Lands to Parks Program (FLP) of the National Park Service helps communities obtain surplus federal property for public parks and recreation use. The FLP is the only programmatic means for a state or local agency to acquire this land for public recreation at no cost instead of paying fair market value. FLP is authorized through the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. All transferred land is dedicated to and must remain in public recreational use in perpetuity. As a result, FLP helps create new state and local parks, provide public recreation services, conserve natural and historic resources, and contributes to community revitalization.

## WHAT TYPES OF PROPERTY ARE AVAILABLE?

A variety of land from most departments of the Federal government including: military bases, Coast Guard lighthouses, Army Corps of Engineers water control projects and abandoned rail lines. These properties may be located in rural or urban areas, consist of open space, forests, wetlands, lakes, or shorelines and may contain existing historic and recreation facilities, such as lighthouses, ballfields, swimming pools, recreation centers, etc.

## WHO MAY ACQUIRE SURPLUS FEDERAL LAND?

Only states, counties, municipalities, or similar government entities may acquire surplus federal land through this program. No preference is given to any particular level of government. Private and nonprofit organizations are not eligible to acquire surplus Federal land, but they may act as advocates for its acquisition by state and local governments.

## HOW MAY THE LAND BE USED?

Land acquired *must be used for public park and recreational use in perpetuity*. It may be developed for a single or multiple recreation activities, such as hiking, biking, camping, picnicking, hunting, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, swimming, boating, tennis, golf, and playing organized sports. If appropriate, the land may remain undeveloped for passive recreational use, as long as it is open to the public.



## WHAT DOES THE LAND COST?

The National Park Service generally conveys land through the Federal Lands to Parks Program *at no cost* in return for the benefits derived by its public use. The applicant, however, is responsible for the costs of preparing the application which include, for example, the preparation of land surveys and site development plans. By acquiring property through the Federal Lands to Parks Program, the applicant promises to commit the funds necessary to properly develop, operate, and maintain the property for public park and recreational use in perpetuity.

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS PROGRAM?

The National Park Service or the Federal agency disposing of property may notify a community if surplus Federal land is available for acquisition. Communities should be alert to opportunities in their area and notify the National Park Service of their interest in acquiring the property. For further information about FLP or the application process, a contact name is listed below.

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