

Wildlife Habitat Protection



What is the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program?

The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (CWHPP) is a statewide program that supports CPW's mission by offering funding opportunities for private landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, and/or, provide sustainable wildlife-related recreational access to the public.



The CWHPP is an incentive-based, voluntary program that utilizes Conservation Easements, Access Easements, and in some circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation goals and/or public access goals.

Why is this program important?



CPW's landscape-scale conservation work has touched almost every county in Colorado. The CWHPP leaves a lasting legacy that ensures Colorado's natural resources and critical habitat is protected.

As the state's population continues to grow, so too does the pressure on our natural resources.

It is critical for CPW and our partners to continue protecting the integrity of Colorado's natural landscape for future generations. Many of these projects provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to keep habitat from being developed in the future.

What does the CWHPP do for Colorado?

The CWHPP achieves multiple goals tied to the CPW Strategic Plan as well as the State Wildlife Action Plan:

- Build collaborative conservation partnerships that enhance the capacity to deliver CPW's mission

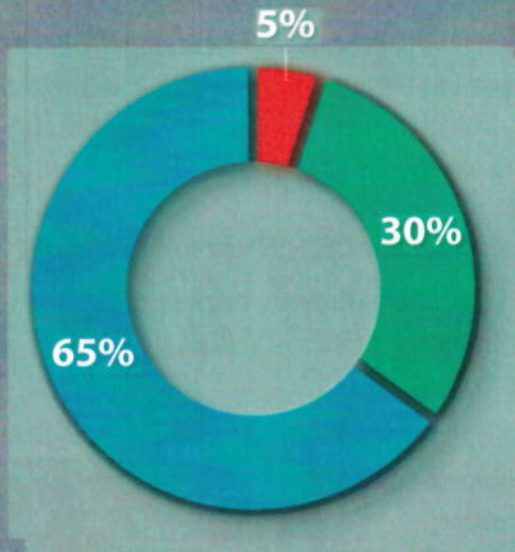


- Conserve wildlife and habitat to ensure healthy sustainable populations and ecosystems
- Increase awareness and trust for CPW
- Connect people to Colorado's outdoors

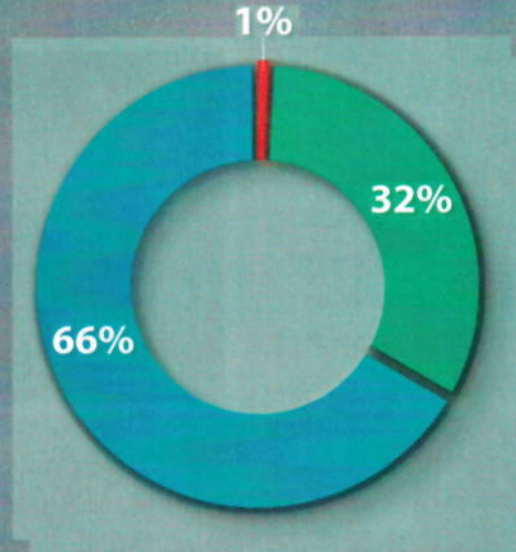
CWHPP HISTORY & 2016 TRANSACTIONS

TOTAL CWHPP ACRES BY TRANSACTION TYPE:

2007-2017
AVERAGE OVER HISTORY OF PROGRAM



2016
TRANSACTIONS



CONSERVATION
EASEMENT

FEE TITLE

ACCESS
(TERM & PERPETUAL)

COLORADO WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION PROGRAM (CWHPP)

Since 2007:

- ▶ The CWHPP has invested \$138,000,000 to protect a total of 250,000 acres.
- ▶ Of those 250,000 acres, public access has been secured on 117,000 acres.
- ▶ Of those 250,000 acres, conservation easements have been secured on 230,000 acres.
- ▶ Of those 250,000 acres, fee title has been acquired on 11,000 acres.
- ▶ On average, CPW has spent \$552/acre to secure and protect critical wildlife habitat (including water rights), public access, and fee title.
- ▶ 95% of all acquisitions have been conservation and public access easements. Only 5% of acquisitions have been for acquiring fee title (see pie chart above).

2016 Statistics:

- ▶ Budget of \$9.3 million
- ▶ 34 proposals submitted requesting \$41,239,339
- ▶ Only 6 proposals funded to protect ~17,000 acres at the cost of \$8,074,009 (always *very competitive*: only the most extraordinary projects are funded)
- ▶ Leverage: 25% CPW, 75% partners