

Committee of Jurisdiction: Public Lands

Title of Resolution: Support the Outdoors For All Act

Issue: Everyone should have easy access to the outdoors in their own community. However many places across the country lack outdoor recreation opportunities. Congress can help address this by enacting bipartisan legislation to create more open spaces in underserved communities by passing the Outdoors for All Act.

Proposed Policy: NACo Supports the Outdoors For All Act (HR 1065) or similar bill.

Background: The Outdoors for All Act (HR 1065) codifies the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program administered under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since its establishment in 2014, ORLP has made progress in expanding access to local and regional outdoor spaces for urban areas and low-income communities. The permanent authorization of this program is needed to ensure that local and regional natural spaces are available and accessible to all, especially communities of color whose access to and inclusion in outdoor recreation have been disproportionately negatively impacted by geography, socio-economic status, and other factors.

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact: Approval of the Outdoors for All Act benefits low-income residents of rural and urban counties through funding new parks and park improvements.

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