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The Outdoors for All Act

As our cities grow and the effects of climate change intensify, the *Outdoors For All Act* would allow for equitable access to the benefits of local parks—from job creation, to shade and tree cover, to clean air.

Why the bill is needed:

- Nationwide, 100 million people—including 28 million children—do not have a park within a half-mile from home.
- According to a [report](#) by the Trust for Public Land, in the 100 most populated cities, neighborhoods where most residents identify as Black, Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native or Asian American and Pacific Islander have access to an average of 44 percent less park acreage than predominantly white neighborhoods. Similar park space inequities exist in low-income neighborhoods across cities, highlighting the urgent need to center equity and justice in park investment and planning, just as this legislation would accomplish.

What the bill would do:

- The *Outdoors For All Act* would codify and establish a dedicated source of funding for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP), which Congress established in 2014. ORLP is administered by the National Park Service and funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) as a nationally competitive grant program to increase access to the outdoors for disadvantaged communities. While LWCF is a popular program with strong bipartisan support and mandatory funding, ORLP still remains a discretionary grant program, which jeopardizes funding for underserved communities who don't have access to outdoor recreation. ORLP improves and funds new trails, green spaces, playgrounds, cultural gathering spaces, and more, bringing nature's benefits to urban residents' doorsteps.
- The bill specifically invests in parks and open spaces in areas where 80% of Americans live. Any urban area with a population of at least 30,000 can qualify for grants, in addition to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. All 50 states contain cities that qualify for ORLP grants.

Endorsing Organizations

- American Forests
- American Heart Association
- American Hiking Society
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- California Outdoor Recreation Partnership
- City Parks Alliance
- Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association
- Continental Divide Trail Coalition
- Corazón Latino
- David Brower Center
- East Coast Greenway Alliance
- Fairmount Park Conservancy
- GirlVentures
- GreenLatinos
- Hispanic Access Foundation
- Justice Outside
- KABOOM!
- Kokatat, Inc.
- Landforce
- Latino Outdoors
- League of Conservation Voters
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
- LWCF Coalition
- National League of Cities
- National Recreation and Park Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- Natural Areas Conservancy
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Nature for All
- Outdoor Afro
- Outdoor Alliance
- Outdoor Outreach
- Outdoors Alliance for Kids
- Pacoima Beautiful
- Pashek+MTR, Ltd.
- Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society
- Portland Parks Conservancy
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- REI Co-op
- San Diego Mountain Biking Association
- Seattle Parks Foundation
- Sierra Club
- The American Alpine Club
- The National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO)
- The Venture Out Project
- The Wilderness Society
- The Trust For Public Land
- YMCA of the USA
- Youth Transportation Organization (Yoots)

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