Once you’ve experienced the unique natural beauty, wildlife, and adventure that Alaska’s last frontier has to offer, you cannot imagine a world without Alaska. You can help protect and preserve that beauty, and opportunity for adventure, with a gift to The Conservation Fund.

The Fund is working across the country to conserve the precious places we all need to thrive, protecting the natural, historic and working lands that are disappearing rapidly. In Alaska, we are creating lasting conservation solutions, often in partnership with Native Villages, through the following programs:

Conservation Acquisitions: enables conservationists, government agencies, community leaders and land trusts to protect properties for wildlife, recreation and/or historic significance. In Alaska, the Fund has protected more than **337,000 acres**. Over **12,480 acres** have been protected to benefit waterways and wetlands.

Conservation Loans: offer flexible financing as well as sustained and expert technical assistance to land trusts and other organizations aiming to protect key properties in their communities, increase access to green and open-space, recover natural habitats, provide conservation education programs, and help people connect with nature.

Your gift will make a positive impact on Alaska’s environment and economy. The Fund is top-rated for its effectiveness and efficiency. We have the lowest overhead and highest programmatic investment of any environmental charity in America. That means we put 96 cents of every dollar you donate directly into conservation. Support us today.
Conservation Acquisitions

Lake Iliamna
As the largest freshwater lake in Alaska, Lake Iliamna is home to a rare population of freshwater seals and includes one of the largest sockeye salmon runs in the world—it is a biological and scenic wonder. Ensuring that the salmon habitat and wilderness are protected and healthy is very important because the local economy centers around commercial and recreational fishing and outdoor activities. In 2017, The Conservation Fund worked with local partners to complete a conservation easement that protects more than 12,600 acres at the eastern end of Lake Iliamna, including an archipelago of 173 islands and 283 miles of shoreline.

Kobuk Valley National Park
We’re working to preserve both wildlife and Native Alaskan traditions in Kobuk Valley National Park. When a local landowner needed to sell his property along Kobuk River, he wanted a buyer who would conserve the land, rather than develop it. Although the National Park Service planned to buy the land and incorporate it into Kobuk Valley National Park, it lacked immediate funding to do so. The Conservation Fund stepped in, purchasing and conserving the land until the necessary funding became available and we could transfer the property to the Park Service.

Eklutna Native Village Corporation
In 2018, The Conservation Fund will complete, in partnership with the Eklutna Native Village Corporation, removal of this 70-foot tall and 100-foot wide concrete dam that was built in 1929 and abandoned in 1955. Restoring the river’s natural intrinsic flow will restore fish passage to five species of Pacific salmon and habitat connectivity for other wildlife. Recovery of this important salmon stream habitat is vital to maintaining abundant salmon populations in Knik Arm and Cook Inlet in general. Cook Inlet supports the largest urban area in the state with over 60 percent of the state-wide population, and fishing pressures on salmon can be high.

Conservation Loans

Goldstream Valley
Interior Alaska Land Trust (IALT) acquired 40 acres which connects two large conserved lots (155 and 82 acres) owned by The Conservation Fund, thanks to bridge financing courtesy of the Fund. These three parcels are situated within the Goldstream Valley Greenbelt, an ongoing project to conserve wildlife corridors along Goldstream Creek and recreation trails. IALT plans to develop a trail system on the Property. IALT will be the long-term owner of the Property, thus future trail planning and development are contingent on grant funding and community support.

About The Conservation Fund
At The Conservation Fund, we make conservation work for America. By creating solutions that make environmental and economic sense, we are redefining conservation to demonstrate its essential role in our future prosperity. Top-ranked for efficiency and effectiveness, we have worked in all 50 states since 1985 to protect over 8 million acres of land.

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