

Where Is Land Conservation



In Washington, DC?

The federal government spends \$1.8 to \$2.8 billion a year for land conservation

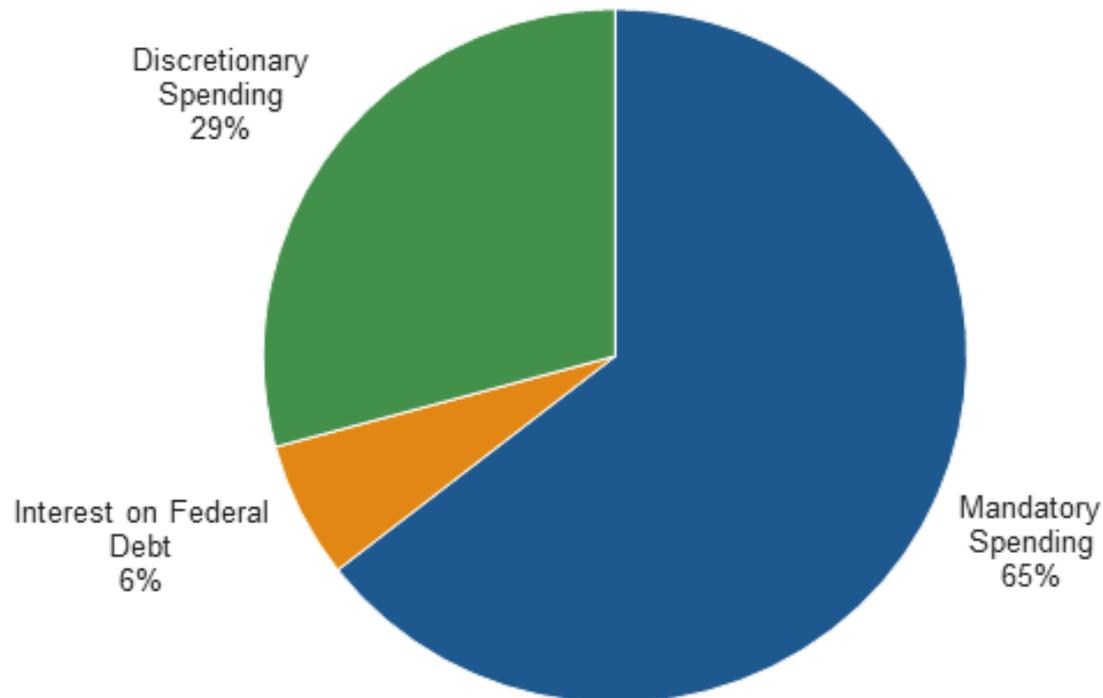
Donated easements = \$1-2 billion a year

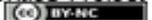
Farm Bill easements = \$400 million a year

Interior Appropriations (LWCF, Forest Legacy, Sec. 6, NAWCA, State Wildlife Grants)

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Projected Mandatory and Discretionary Spending and Interest on Federal Debt (Fiscal Year 2015)



Source: OMB
National Priorities Project


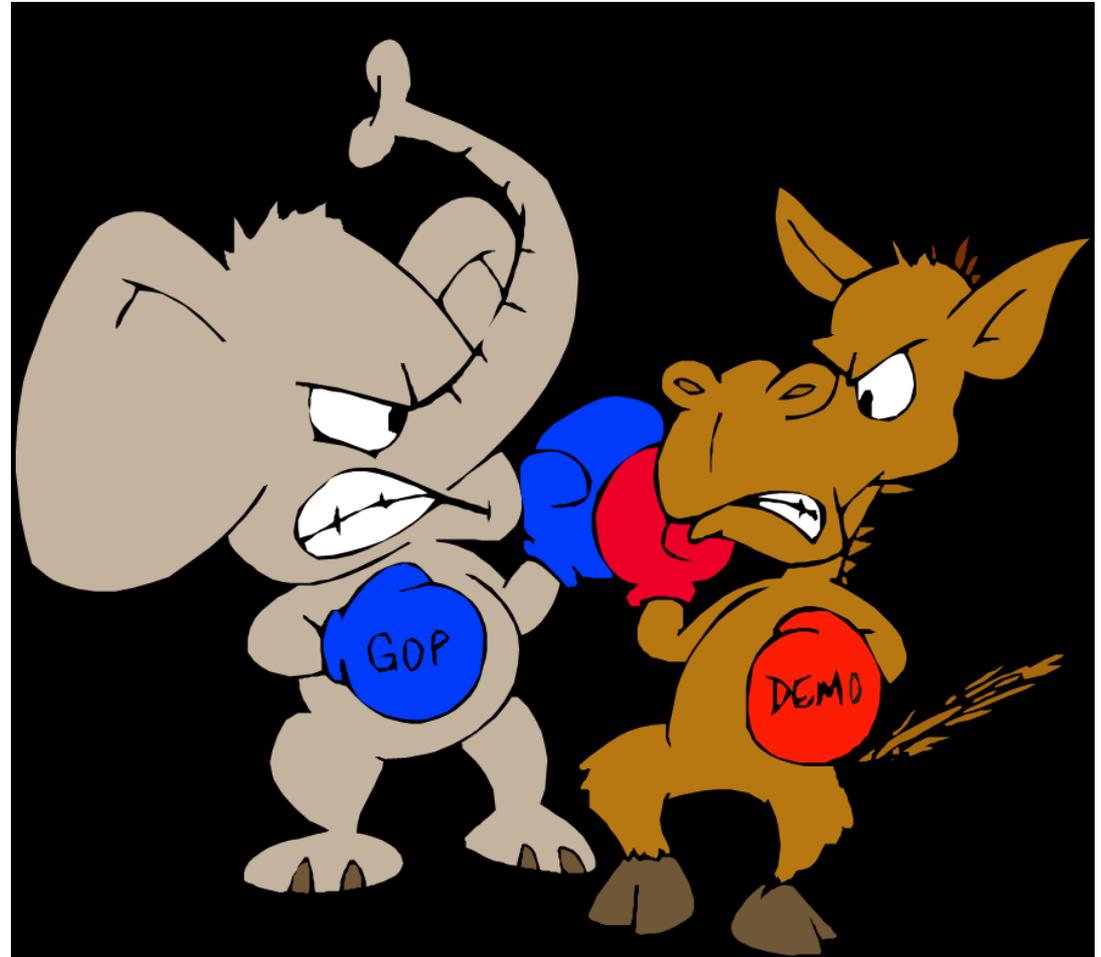
Regional Conservation Partnership Program

“Delaware River Watershed Working Lands
Conservation and Protection Partnership”



Are Things
Suddenly
Different?

Nope.
Pretty
much the
same.



DC Open Space Agenda...

- Conservation Easement Incentive Act
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Rulemaking on Agricultural Land Easements
- ???



What other changes do we need
to worry about?

Land
People

Land

- Land is getting more valuable
- Challenges to easements (and parks, and preserves) are going to increase
- You are NOT just paranoid – some folks really are out to get you!

People

- In 1940, 23% of all Americans lived on a farm
- Today, fewer than 2% of Americans live on a farm
- Today, 80.7 % of Americans live in “urban areas”

I'm not the only one in Washington, DC who
wants to help you!

- You have bipartisan representation in Congress, and most of them already really like what you do!
- They periodically run for re-election, and then they really pay attention.



Easement protected farmland in Pennsylvania