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The President announced today a milestone achievement in the Legacy of Parks Program.

With the transfer of 39 additional parcels of Federal land located in 22 states, a grand total of 521 properties have now been conveyed, at no cost, to cities, counties and states for parks, recreation and wildlife purposes.

The Legacy of Parks program, under the direction of the Federal Property Council, was initiated in 1971 with the first cost-free transfer of \$11.1 million worth of Federal property to the County of Nassau, New York.

Since that time, surplus Federal land has been conveyed to all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. The 521 properties represent a total of 73,788 acres with a market value estimated at \$208,751,176.00.

"I take particular pride," the President said, "in this program that returns resources and decisions back to the people and provides recreational facilities close to where people live."

A survey shows, President Ford pointed out, that 70% of the surplus Federal land transferred to local governments under the Legacy of Parks program is located in or near urban areas, thus making it possible for families to conserve fuel energy by using public transportation or driving very short distances to reach parks, playgrounds, picnic areas and other recreation sites. It is projected that, when fully developed, 70 million people will use and enjoy these park lands annually.

Included in the 39 properties announced today are one in Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, and Wisconsin; two in Missouri, Montana, and Washington; three in Kansas and Mississippi; four in Virginia; and eight in Texas.

The 39 properties total 4,489.58 acres with an estimated market value of \$9,270,500.00.

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LEGACY OF PARKS PROPERTIES

<u>Name, Location and Recipient</u>	<u>Approximate Acres</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Tucson, Arizona Recipient: City of Tucson	40	\$ 291,000
U.S. Naval Supply Center, Long Beach Torrance Annex, Torrance, California Recipient: City of Torrance	44	3,500,000
Dover Survival Training Annex Kent County, Delaware Recipient: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service U.S. Department of the Interior	25	10,500
Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia Recipient: Town of Watkinsville	6	6,000
Chanute Radio Beacon Annex, Rantoul Township Champaign County, Illinois Recipient: Village of Rantoul	1	2,500
Montgomery County Airport No. 1 Montgomery County, Kansas Recipient: State of Kansas, Forestry, Fish and Game Commission	206	60,000
Forbes Air Force Base Topeka, Kansas Recipient: County of Shawnee, Kansas	148	559,000
Fort Riley Kansas Recipient: State of Kansas	54	15,000
Abadagassett Point Range Woolwich, Maine Recipient: Town of Woolwich	0.06	1,000
Agricultural Research Center Beltsville, Maryland Recipient: City of Greenbelt	2	50,000
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse 135-137 Ionia Ave., NW., Grand Rapids, Michigan Recipient: City of Grand Rapids	1	750,000
Mississippi River Navigation Project Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi Recipient: City of Vicksburg	32	61,000
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Farm Storage Facility #28 053 112 Belzoni, Humphries County, Mississippi Recipient: State of Mississippi	6	7,000
Harrisonville Test Annex Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base Cass County, Missouri Recipient: City of Belton	103	82,000
Medical Center for Federal Prisoners Springfield, Greene County, Missouri Recipient: City of Springfield	59	122,000
U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site Boulder, Jefferson County, Montana Recipient: Town of Boulder	3	5,000
U.S. Forest Service Radio Transmitter Site Missoula County, Montana Recipient: City of Missoula	1	4,000
Omaha District, Corps of Engineers Service Base Omaha, Nebraska Recipient: City of Omaha	5	5,000
Veterans Administration (VA) Supply Depot Somerville, New Jersey Recipient: Township of Hillsborough	15	95,000
Atomic Energy Commission Area Office Los Alamos, New Mexico Recipient: County of Los Alamos	4	750,000
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Communications Facility Annex No. 4 Greene County, Ohio Recipient: Greene County	60	36,000
Hope Island Portsmouth, Rhode Island Recipient: State of Rhode Island Department of Natural Resources	90	50,000
Brooks Air Force Base Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas Recipient: City of San Antonio	21	30,000
Galveston Harbor and Channel Project Galveston, Texas Recipient: City of Galveston	391	800,000

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Post Office Building and Site Midland, Midland County, Texas Recipient: City of Midland	0.52	100,000
Portion, Former Camp Gary Caldwell County, San Marcos, Texas Recipient: City of San Marcos	41	40,000
Former Camp Wallace Galveston County, Texas Recipient: County of Galveston	47	40,000
Former Castner Range Area Fort Bliss, Texas Recipient: City of El Paso	17	120,000
Former Fort Wolters Parker County, Texas Recipient: City of Mineral Wells	500	100,000
Former Fort Wolters Parker County, Texas Recipient: State of Texas, Parks and Wildlife Department	2,008	500,000
Hill Air Force Base Weber County, Utah Recipient: City of Riverdale	14	100,000
Arlington National Cemetery Arlington County, Virginia Recipient: U.S. Department of the Interior	24	240,000
NASA Wallops Station Wallops Island, Accomack County, Virginia Recipient: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior	397	157,000
New Point Comfort Light Mathews, Mathews County, Virginia Recipient: Board of Supervisors for Mathews County, Virginia	2	15,000
Vint Hill Farms Station Fauquier County, Virginia Recipient: Fauquier County	14	25,000
Railroad Spur, Sand Point Naval Air Station Seattle, Washington Recipient: City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation	2	41,500
Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital Walla Walla, Washington Recipient: City of Walla Walla	52	115,000
U.S. Disiplinary Barracks Milwaukee, Wisconsin Recipient: City of Milwaukee	42	380,000
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CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR LEGACY OF PARKS

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