

Washington, D.C., March 11, 2009—Based on recommendations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved funding for **25 U.S. projects in 21 states and Puerto Rico and 7 Mexican projects in 16 Mexican states** under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Standard Grants Program. The tables below contain summary data on each project.

The Act is nonregulatory and calls for voluntary partnerships to develop and implement wetlands conservation projects to benefit migratory birds and other wildlife. To be considered for funding, projects must meet certain biological criteria, and grant requests must be matched 1:1 with partner funds.

U.S. and Mexican Projects Approved



American Wigeon/Lee Karney, USFWS

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Acres that are protected, restored, enhanced and/or established may be paid for with grant, matching or nonmatching funds, or a combination of these funding sources. Matching funds must come from non-federal sources. However, federal partners may participate in NAWCA projects by providing nonmatch contributions, which do not count toward the required match amount but help support project goals and activities.

Activity: P = Protection, H = Habitat Management (e.g., Restoration and/or Enhancement), and O = Other

Standard Grants Program: United States						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Partner \$ Nonmatch	Acres	Activity
CA/1	Yolo Basin Wetland Habitat Project IV	\$1,000,000	\$1,927,071	\$679,997	11,989	H,O,P
CA/7,10	Suisun Marsh Managed Wetlands Enhancement Project, Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$1,521,282	\$0	13,374	H,O
CO/3	San Luis Valley Wetland Project IV	\$1,000,000	\$2,354,634	\$0	6,021	H,O,P
CO/4; NE/3,4; WY/At Large	Platte River Wetlands Partnership II	\$1,000,000	\$2,120,266	\$943,243	5,562	H,O,P
FL/6	North Florida Wetlands Conservation III	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	925	P
GA/1	Rayonier-Murff Tract	\$1,000,000	\$6,143,730	\$10,500,000	8,331	P
IA/4,5	Prairie Lakes Wetland Initiative III	\$1,000,000	\$2,211,215	\$1,542,600	3,544	H,P
IA/4,5	Southeastern Prairie Potholes	\$1,000,000	\$2,436,596	\$2,403,761	4,353	H,P
LA/5	Louisiana Delta Wetlands Conservation II	\$999,812	\$2,177,337	\$20,000	3,879	P
ME/2	Katahdin Forest Expansion	\$950,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,932,000	7,299	P
MO/2	Conservation in the Confluence	\$999,570	\$2,240,588	\$105,000	4654	H,O,P
MT/At Large	Glaciated Valleys of NW Montana 2	\$1,000,000	\$2,830,408	\$2,892,218	2,644	H,O,P
NE/1,3	Rainwater Basin Habitat Conservation IV	\$1,000,000	\$1,079,642	\$122,728	3,397	H,O,P
NJ/2	Cape May Peninsula Partnership II	\$850,000	\$2,025,404	\$8,470,000	882	P
NY/27	Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex IV	\$663,000	\$1,346,210	\$1,188,693	1,978	H,O,P

Standard Grants Program: United States Continued						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Partner \$ Nonmatch	Acres	Activity
NC/3	North Carolina Onslow Bight Partnership III	\$1,000,000	\$5,212,820	\$600,000	1,182	H,O,P
NC/7	Southeastern North Carolina Wetlands Initiative I	\$1,000,000	\$2,054,764	\$5,000	20,461	H,O,P
ND/1	North Dakota Drift Prairie Project - II	\$1,000,000	\$1,008,360	\$213,280	27,949	H,O,P
OR/1,3,5	Willamette River Delta Restoration Project II	\$1,000,000	\$2,393,089	\$25,500	1,114	H,O,P
PR/At Large	San Miguel Natural Reserve	\$1,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$21,950,000	619	P
SC/1,6	Winyah Bay Protection Project: Phase I	\$1,000,000	\$5,056,500	\$3,963,000	6,078	P
SD/1	South Dakota Threatened Habitats Phase III	\$770,109	\$1,635,531	\$27,167,000	119,641	H,P
TX/2,14	Texas Chenier Plain Wetlands Improvement	\$1,000,000	\$2,181,199	\$109,831	5,728	H,O,P
VA/2	Southern Tip Ecological Partnership II	\$1,027,376	\$2,741,410	\$0	1,376	H,O,P
WA/6	North Olympic -- Dungeness Wetland Basin I	\$980,927	\$1,912,169	\$74,991	195	P
Totals		\$24,240,794	\$60,610,225	\$84,908,842	263,175	
Average Match Ratio		1:2.5				

Standard Grants Program: Mexico						
State/District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Partner \$ Nonmatch	Acres	Activity
Baja California South	Conservation of the Pacific Brant Wintering Habitat in the Guerrero-Ojo de Liebre Coastal Lagoon Complex	\$117,900	\$123,674	\$0	0	O
Baja California South	Habitat Protection for Migratory Birds in the Bahia Magdalena-Almejas Wetland Complex	\$399,162	\$481,385	\$0	494	P
Campeche	Wetland Restoration in the Celestun Biosphere Reserve	\$268,292	\$276,255	\$0	15,282	H
Quintana Roo	Integrated Conservation of Priority Wetlands in the Yucatan Peninsula	\$500,500	\$830,792	\$0	65,171	O,P
Tamaulipas	Protection and Restoration in the Rio Bravo Delta, Laguna Madre	\$450,000	\$1,520,800	\$0	8,151	H,P
Eleven States and Federal Districts	Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Development of Conservation Actions in the Central Plateau Wetlands	\$212,090	\$247,953	\$0	0	O
National	Making Mexican Wetland Inventory Classification Information Accessible	\$43,077	\$43,111	\$0	0	O
Totals		\$1,991,021	\$3,523,970	\$0	89,098	
Average Match Ratio		1:1.77				

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