



## Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was established in 1987 to assist private landowners with habitat restoration and management on their property. The main emphasis has been on wetlands that have been drained and on restoring uplands to a native prairie type of habitat. It has a long successful track record. In fact, it is one government program that has increased in funding through the years. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has restored thousands of acres of upland and wetland in Minnesota.

Over 75 percent of land in the United States is in private ownership. Public agencies can only do so much on lands they manage to benefit wildlife and our valuable natural resources. To help promote proper habitat stewardship on private lands the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partners with landowners through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. The program offers aid to landowners in several ways by providing technical assistance, financial assistance or a combination of each. The Fish and Wildlife Service has a great track record in working with other federal, state and local cooperators to accomplish projects. The Partners Program is voluntary with a goal to benefit our natural resources. The habitat is restored while the landowner retains their property rights. For more information, call Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge at 320.632.1575 or send an email to [cranemeadows@fws.gov](mailto:cranemeadows@fws.gov).