

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Restoring Wisconsin's Wildlife Habitat on Private Lands

*Partners for Fish  
& Wildlife Program*



**Partners for Fish and Wildlife works in voluntary partnership with private landowners to restore wildlife habitat by offering technical and financial assistance.**



**Trout stream restoration in Vernon County.**



## **Partners for Fish and Wildlife**

- Nationwide voluntary habitat restoration program
- Helps landowners restore their land to benefit wildlife
- Landowners receive assistance from experienced wildlife biologists
- Up to 100 percent funding for the restoration costs
- 10 year voluntary agreement
- No public access is required, landowners retain full control

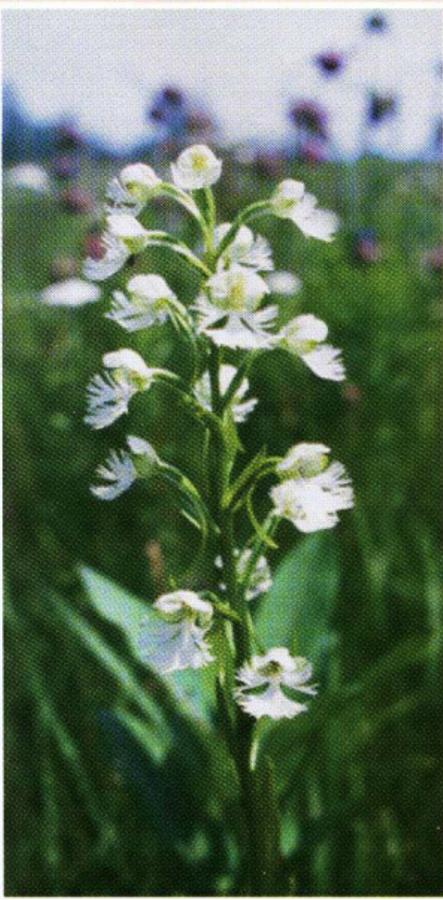
**Partners for Fish and Wildlife restores fish and wildlife habitat in ways that support traditional rural land-uses.**

# **Be a Partner**

Landowners interested in restoring wildlife habitat on their land may contact their local U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office. A private lands biologist will provide free expert advice on habitat management.

At your request, the biologist will meet with you on your property to develop a habitat restoration plan. After walking the land to see potential restoration projects, discussion can begin about design and location of a project. A voluntary wildlife habitat management plan is developed explaining project goals, objectives, and costs. With your approval of the plan, the biologist will be available for advice and assistance throughout the duration of the agreement.

- Up to 100 percent funding for habitat restoration may be available.
- Biologists provide advice to benefit game and nongame species; including waterfowl, endangered species, turkeys, grassland birds, fish and invertebrates.
- Biologists advise on the design and location of potential habitat restoration projects and provide financial assistance to implement the projects.
- Implement voluntary, on the ground habitat restoration projects that benefit fish and wildlife species on private lands.
- Restoration strategies tailored to each landowner's specific goals and wildlife habitat needs.



**Eastern prairie fringed orchid.**

**Great egret catching dinner.**



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**Many landowners enjoy hunting on their restored land.**



## Habitat Restoration Projects

- **Wetland Restoration**  
Ditch plugs, tile breaks, earthen embankments, and scrapes
- **Grassland Restoration**  
Invasive species control, mowing, grazing management, brush control, prescribed fire, and planting
- **Stream Restoration**  
Dam removal, livestock exclusion, bank stabilization practices, filter strips, in stream habitats
- **Endangered Species**  
Corridor development to connect isolated populations, timber management, prescribed fire, brush control, wildflower-rich prairie restorations

# Be a Partner for Wildlife!

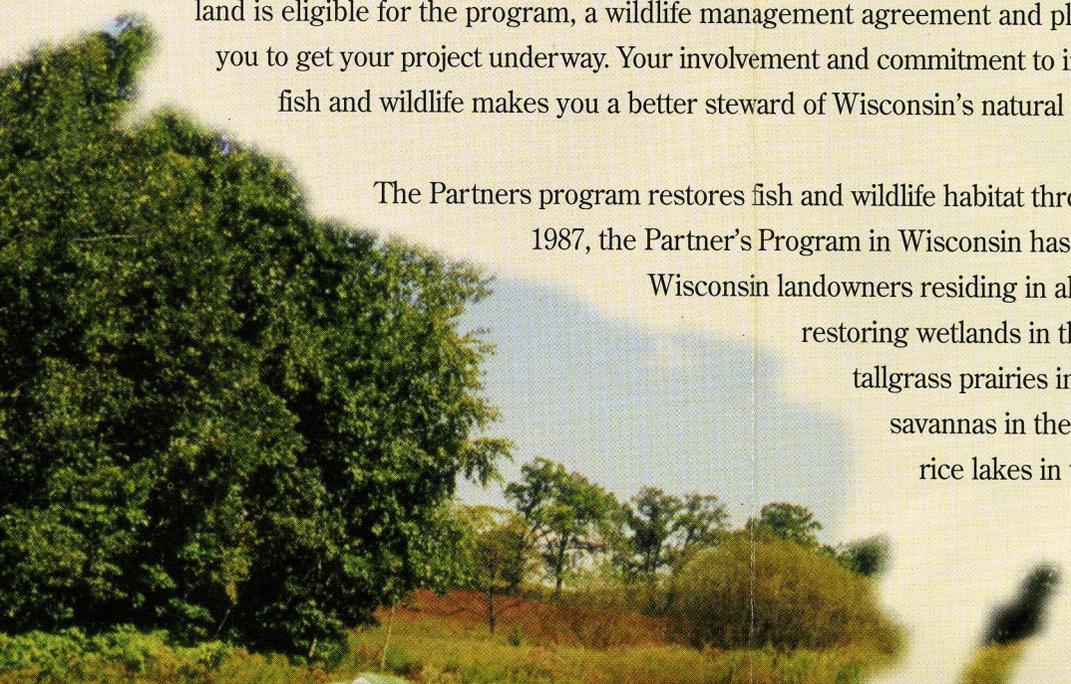
## Nothing happens until a landowner says "Yes!"

The Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife program offers technical and financial assistance to private landowners who voluntarily restore wetlands and other fish and wildlife habitat on their land. The Partners program emphasizes the reestablishment of native vegetation and habitat for the benefit of fish and wildlife while working with private landowners to achieve their conservation goals. Up to 100 percent funding for habitat restoration is available to landowners, who agree to maintain the restoration for a minimum of 10 years, while they retain full control of their land.

## Partners Program Promotes Responsible Stewardship

In Wisconsin, 85 percent of the land is privately owned. Most of the wildlife that we watch, photograph, and harvest depend on private lands during all or part of their life cycles. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program works one-on-one with private landowners to improve fish and wildlife habitat on their lands. If your land is eligible for the program, a wildlife management agreement and plan will be developed with you to get your project underway. Your involvement and commitment to improving your land for fish and wildlife makes you a better steward of Wisconsin's natural resources.

The Partners program restores fish and wildlife habitat throughout the U.S. Since 1987, the Partner's Program in Wisconsin has worked with over 3,000 Wisconsin landowners residing in all of the state's ecosystems; restoring wetlands in the glaciated regions, tallgrass prairies in the southwest, oak savannas in the central sands, and wild rice lakes in the northern forests.





 St. Croix Wetland Management District  
 1764 95th Street  
 New Richmond, WI 54017  
 715-246-7784

 Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge  
 W28488 Refuge Road  
 Trempealeau, WI 54661  
 608-539-2311

 Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge  
 LaCrosse District  
 555 Lester Ave.  
 Onalaska, WI 54650  
 608-783-8405

 Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge  
 McGregor District  
 P.O. Box 460  
 McGregor, IA 52157  
 563-873-3423

 Ashland Fishery Resources Office  
 2800 Lake Shore Drive East  
 Ashland, WI 54806  
 715-682-6185

 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge  
 W7996 20th Street W.  
 Necedah, WI 54646  
 608-565-2551

 Ecological Services Field Office  
 1015 Challenger Court  
 Green Bay, WI 54311  
 920-465-7440

 Leopold Wetland Management District  
 W10040 Cascade Mt. Rd.  
 Portage, WI 53901  
 608-742-7100

 Wisconsin Private Lands Office \*  
 4511 Helgesen Drive  
 Madison, WI 53718  
 608-221-1206

*\* Primary contact for additional private land information.*

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