Presquile
National Wildlife Refuge
Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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Managed as the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which includes James River, Rappahannock River Valley, Plum Tree Island and Presquile NWRs.

Purpose
Presquile National Wildlife Refuge was established to provide habitat for wintering Canada geese, wood ducks, black ducks, mallards and other migratory birds.

Public Use Notes
- Access to the refuge is limited. Visitors should contact the refuge manager prior to their visit.

Management Activities
- Manage the refuge to meet objectives of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative
- Annually host a prothonotary warbler study involving monitoring 283 nest boxes and banding 500 warblers
- Initiate invasive species control and prescribed burning program

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Wood duck

Highlights
The island refuge is located within the Atlantic flyway, a major migratory corridor.

Prime wetland habitat on Presquile attracts 3,000 Canada geese and 1,000 ducks each year. Waterfowl winter on the refuge and use it during their migration north to Canada.

Volunteer hours quadrupled in 2005.

A pontoon boat was purchased in 2004 to replace the unsafe and deteriorating cable ferry as a means of providing public access.

The public deer hunting program was improved by instituting a lottery system.

A multi-year effort to control invasive plant species began in May 2004, continued in 2005, and is planned for 2006.

Dock construction on the island and dredging for the ferry slip were completed in 2005.

Wood ducks frequently nest along stream banks and in old-growth forested wetlands on the island.

Bald eagles nest and roost on the refuge.

Issues
Efforts to control invasive plants

Erosion of banks along the river

Current staffing inadequate to conduct habitat management or public use activities