

FY06 PFW Program Notable Accomplishment – New England Field Office

State: Rhode Island – Habitat Improvement

Name: Cards Ponds Salt Marsh Restoration

Location: Washington County, Rhode Island

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Project Narrative: The USFWS, Ducks Unlimited, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Coastal Resources Management Council, and 13 private landowners are working together to restore native salt marsh vegetation to 27 acres of Phragmites-dominated wetlands around Cards Ponds in Rhode Island. This project will support ongoing restoration activities at nearby Trustrom Pond National Wildlife Refuge. The proposed area occurs within the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Coastal Ponds Focus Area. The area when restored will provide high-value habitat for waterfowl and other migratory bird species, including shorebirds, marsh and wading birds.

Restoration Technique: Invasive Species Control, Education and Outreach, Partnership Development

Project Size: Wetland Restoration: 27 acres

Project Benefits: The goal of the project is to restore native salt marsh vegetation to 27 acres of Phragmites-dominated wetlands.

Timeframe: August, 2006 – October, 2008