

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT**  
**U.S. STANDARD GRANTS SUMMARIES, 2024-2 CYCLE**

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Project Name: WILLAPA & CHEHALIS WETLANDS

Location: WA

Congressional District: 3, 6, 10

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: C.K. Eidem Grantee

Project Country: US

Partner Name: CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN LAND TRUST, DUCKS UNLIMITED, KALEIDOSCOPE FOUNDATION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,339,733.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$2,696,777.00

Joint Venture: PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 5-Northern Pacific Rainforest

Project Description: This project is a collaboration by Ducks Unlimited and regional partners to conserve priority wetlands and bird habitats in southwest Washington. This region is part of the Coastal Ecoregion of the Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture. This project will conserve 1,672 acres of freshwater wetlands, estuarine tidelands, working agriculture lands, Oak woodland, and temperate rainforests. These habitats support shorebirds, waterfowl, and other water dependent wildlife such as Marbled Murrelet, Oregon Spotted Frog, Elk, Green Sturgeon, and Pacific Salmon. Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor, directly to the north, include hundreds of thriving species: shellfish and finfish, shorebirds and migratory birds, mammals, and tiny phytoplankton, as well as threatened species such as green sturgeon. Willapa Bay/Long Beach is designated a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network of International Importance, and the Grays Harbor Estuary has a designation of Hemispheric Importance.

Project Name: WESTERN LAKE ERIE COASTAL PROJECT I

Location: OH

Congressional District: 5, 9

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Russ Terry

Project Country: US

Partner Name: BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY, DUCKS UNLIMITED, HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT, METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA, NATURAL AREAS LAND CONSERVANCY, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OTTAWA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, TOUSSAINT SHOOTING CLUB, WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY, WINOUS POINT MARSH CONSERVANCY

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,369,340.00

Joint Venture: UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 13-Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description: This project will protect, restore, and enhance 3,717 acres of wetlands, riparian areas, and associated uplands on public and private land in a coastal landscape along western Lake Erie. This effort will expand and improve the amount of breeding, migratory stopover, and wintering habitat for bird species such as Lesser and Greater Scaup, Trumpeter Swan, and Mallard. Also, the annual Biggest Week in American Birding festival is held each spring at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area which is an acquisition tract included in this project. The 2023 festival attracted 90,000 birders from 49 U.S. States and 11 countries, and they documented 243 bird species while injecting \$40 million into local businesses.

Project Name: UPPER COOK INLET: POTTER MARSH WATERSHED

Location: AK

Congressional District: AK-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: GREAT LAND TRUST, INC.

Project Officer: Ellen Kazary

Project Country: US

Partner Name: GCI COMMUNICATION CORP, GREAT LAND TRUST, INC., HERITAGE LAND BANK, MAT-SU HEALTH FOUNDATION, NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, RASMUSON FOUNDATION

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,395,550.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$1,396,800.00

Joint Venture: PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 4-Northwestern Interior Forest, BCR 5-Northern Pacific Rainforest

Project Description: This project will conserve, restore, and enhance 1,779.3 acres including 1,140.6 acres of wetlands that provide a critical migratory corridor and breeding habitat for wetlands associated birds in Southcentral Alaska. The project focuses on threatened properties: the iconic Potter Marsh unit of Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), the Alaska Native corporation-managed Eklutna River Estuary, and the Mat-Su Borough Settlers Bay Coastal Park. The project adds to landscape scale connectivity between the 32,000-acre Refuge, 495,000-acre Chugach State Park, and 26,000-acre Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. The protected acquisition tracts will supply 78% of the marsh's surface water via uplands, wetlands, and streams that direct groundwater from the Chugach Mountains to the Refuge. Around 220 Refuge bird species have been recorded, approximately 160 of which are migrants or breeders Potter Marsh supports the highest density of breeding waterfowl within the Refuge, Anchorage Coastal Important Bird Area, and greater Anchorage area. During spring and fall migration, waterfowl are present in the thousands to rest and feed including Tule Greater White-fronted Goose, Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, and Greater Scaup.

Project Name: THE LAND BETWEEN THE RIVERS-ALABAMA'S MOBILE RIVER SOUTHERN DELTAS (MRSD) TRACT

Location: AL-

Congressional District: 7

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Project Officer: Keith Tassin

Project Country: US

Partner Name: HOLDFAST COLLECTIVE, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, ROBERTSON FOUNDATION, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,000,000.00

Joint Venture: EASTERN GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 7,924 acres in the upper Mobile-Tensaw Mobile-Tensaw Delta in an area just above the confluence of the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers referred to as the Land Between the Rivers. As one of the largest privately held bottomland tracts available in the southeast and remaining in the Mobile Mobile-Tensaw Delta, the Mobile River Southern Mobile-Tensaw Delta s (MRSD) tract is situated between nearly 93,000 acres of bottomland swamps and marshes owned by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers downstream and the 5,280-acre Fred T. Stimpson and Upper State Special Opportunity Area upstream. This acquisition would extend the footprint of protected land from Mobile Bay to beyond the confluence of two of the South's largest rivers. This acquisition will benefit goals of the East Gulf Coastal Plain JV through both the recently completed Landbird Plan and the currently under development Waterbird Plan. The bottomlands forested wetlands in this project area will provide winter breeding grounds for many species of waterfowl including Northern Pintail, American Black Duck, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, and Mottled Duck.

Project Name: SOUTH LOUISIANA WATERFOWL HABITAT CONSERVATION IV

Location: LA

Congressional District: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Project Country: US

Partner Name: COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, DUCKS UNLIMITED, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,850,000.00

Joint Venture: EASTERN GULF COAST, GULF COAST, LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 25-West Gulf Coastal Plain/Ouachitas, BCR 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley, BCR 27- Southeastern Coastal Plain, BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will help offset Louisiana's dramatic wetland loss and provide quality habitat for numerous bird species and other wetland-dependent wildlife such as Mottled Duck. This project will restore and enhance 7,486 acres of wetlands that directly address conservation needs within the Louisiana portion of the Gulf Coast Joint Venture's Chenier Plain Initiative Area and Mississippi River Coastal Wetlands Initiative Area. Rockefeller National Wildlife Refuge will benefit from some of the enhancement work in creating, nourishing, and maintaining the benefit of numerous breeding and migratory bird species and marine organisms.

Project Name: SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM WETLANDS VI

Location: FL

Congressional District: 21

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Emily Purcell

Project Country: US

Partner Name: FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, MARTIN COUNTY, PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,821,201.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$5,642,402.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 31-Peninsular Florida

Project Description: This project is the sixth in a series of proposals and will restore 2,934 acres in Florida. The project area represents the headwaters of the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River, one of two Wild and Scenic Rivers in Florida. The Loxahatchee is a tributary to one of North America's most biodiverse estuaries, Indian River Lagoon, part of the Everglades Ecosystem. The project entails restoration of freshwater wetlands and other associated habitats on public properties of critical importance to the South Florida Ecosystem for the benefit of many wetland-dependent species including Northern Pintail, Mottled Duck, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Roseate Spoonbill, and Least Tern. The project area contains mesic flatwoods, wet flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, hammock, wet prairie, depression marsh, cypress dome swamp, and blackwater stream and river, the historic Cypress Creek, which provide habitat for over 500 species of plants and 217 species of animals.

Project Name: SOUTH CAROLINA BOTTOMLAND FOREST & TIDAL WETLAND CONSERVATION I

Location: SC

Congressional District: 1, 7

Grantee Organization: OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE

Project Officer: Maria Whitehead

Project Country: US

Partner Name: OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, SUSTAIN SC LAND & WATER ACTION FUND, WACCAMAW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,000,000.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: Coastal wetlands and undeveloped upland across five parcels totaling 2,849 acres in the South Carolina Lowcountry will be acquired for permanent conservation. Acquisition activities will protect estuarine intertidal wetlands, freshwater forested wetlands, maritime forests, unconsolidated shore, and tidal creeks. These acres provide long-term migration and wintering habitat for waterfowl including American Black Duck, Mottled Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, and Ring-necked Duck. Also, wetland-associated migratory birds use these habitats and will benefit including King Rail, Lesser Yellowlegs, Marbled Godwit, Seaside Sparrow, Piping Plover, Roseate Spoonbill and Whimbrel.

Project Name: SOUTH ATLANTIC BASINS: LOWER PEE DEE TO OKEFENOKEE VI

Location: GA

Congressional District: 1

Grantee Organization: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Project Officer: Jason Lee

Project Country: US

Partner Name: BOBOLINK FOUNDATION, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, KNOBLOCH FAMILY FOUNDATION, THE WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,000,000.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project will acquire 3,530 acre "Mocama" tract expanding on 27,000 acres of Wildlife Management Area on the Georgia coast in Camden County. Bird species that will benefit from this project include Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, American Green-winged Teal, and American Black Duck. This project represents an exceptional opportunity to protect a 3,530 tract that joins 24,000 acres of neighboring DNR land, Cumberland Island National Seashore, and other protected properties. The mosaic of protected areas, including NAWCA-funded Ceylon and Cabin Bluff, Crooked River State Park, Kings Bay Naval Base, and Cumberland & Little Cumberland Islands, Jekyll Island, and Satilla Marsh Island Natural Area.



Project Name: PEAKS TO PRAIRIE WETLANDS

Location: CO, NE, WY

Congressional District: CO-1,2,4,5, 6,7,8, NE-3, WY-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Tom Peterson

Project Country: US

Partner Name: BOULDER & WHITE ROCK DITCH & RESERVOIR COMPANY, CITY OF LARAMIE, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GRAND COUNTY, CO, LARAMIE RIVERS CONSERVATION DISTRICT, NORTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, PLATTE RIVER BASIN ENVIRONMENTS, INC., PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY, THE CONSERVATION FUND, WYOTECH

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,008,368.00

Joint Venture: INTERMOUNTAIN WEST, PLAYA LAKES, RAINWATER BASIN

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 16-Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau, BCR 17- Badlands and Prairies, BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie, BCR 19-Central Mixed-grass Prairie

Project Description: This project will protect and enhance 4,006 (75) acres on public and private lands in and adjacent to more urban landscapes along the Mountainous Front Range of Colorado into the Prairies of eastern Colorado, southeast Wyoming, and western Nebraska. Most acreage in this project occurs in palustrine marsh and riverine habitats and focuses on either protecting or restoring those habitats to provide migration and wintering habitat to the numerous migratory wetland birds that use this portion of the Central Flyway, as well as the local wildlife that depend on shallow wetlands. This area is crucial spring migration habitat for waterfowl that utilize wetland areas in the region in tremendous numbers each spring as they rest and forage to gain the necessary nutrients for egg production and that projects like these will provide. Birds that will benefit from this project include Northern Pintail, Wood Duck, Greater Scaup, and Ring-necked Duck.

Project Name: NORTHERN MONTEZUMA WETLANDS COMPLEX V

Location: NY

Congressional District: 23, 24

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Matthew Wagner

Project Country: US

Partner Name: ANGLE FOUNDATION, DUCKS UNLIMITED, NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,720,684.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$3,443,907.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 13-Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain

Project Description: This project is Phase V of a multi-year, landscape level project to protect, restore, and enhance up to 50,000 acres of wetlands and adjacent uplands in one of the Atlantic Flyway's most important waterfowl staging areas, the Montezuma Wetlands Complex (MWC). Montezuma is a largely protected landscape (18,500 acres) encompassing the National Wildlife Refuge and State Wildlife Management Area lands and is New York's foremost Waterfowl Focus Area of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture: Waterfowl Implementation Plan. Similarly, this project will also continue to enhance and protect critical coastal habitat at Lakeshore Marshes Wildlife Management Area (LMWMA), a complex composed of several large units adjacent to Lake Ontario totaling 6,179 acres. The acreage in this project includes riparian and upland buffers that are important for maintaining habitat quality through erosion control and reducing disturbance, and providing valuable nesting cover and stopover habitat which are critical needs in the project area. Both the MWC and LMWMA are acknowledged as high-value habitat for hundreds of thousands of migrating and wintering waterfowl such as Wood Duck, Northern Pintail, and American Black Duck.

Project Name: NORTH DAKOTA POTHOLE PROJECT III

Location: ND

Congressional District: ND-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Randy Renner

Project Country: US

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,849,654.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 17-Badlands and Prairies

Project Description: This project will conserve 19,022 acres of grasslands and wetlands on working agricultural lands in Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota. This project will conserve grasslands and wetlands on working agricultural lands in the Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota. This project identifies opportunities to keep these grasslands and wetlands productive and intact by promoting grazing systems that increase profitability and increase ecological function with an agreement to retain and manage wetland and grassland habitats for 10 years. At the same time, project partners develop relationships with private landowners that promote longer-term instruments with conservation easements. The easements described in this project are flexible enough to allow the landowner management opportunities, but rigid enough to ensure those wetlands and grasslands remain in perpetuity. This project will also benefit larger seasonal and semipermanent wetlands, providing important habitat to duck broods during the later summer months as ephemeral wetlands dry out. The quantity and quality of wetlands available for duck broods directly impact their survival by increasing forage opportunity and reducing predation. Some waterfowl species that will benefit from this project include Mallard, Lesser Scaup, and Northern Pintail.

Project Name: MAINE COASTAL ZONE WETLANDS

Location: ME

Congressional District: 1, 2

Grantee Organization: BLUE HILL HERITAGE TRUST

Project Officer: George Fields

Project Country: US

Partner Name: BLUE HILL HERITAGE TRUST, DUCKS UNLIMITED, ELLIOTSVILLE FOUNDATION, INC, LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE, MERE POINT OYSTER CO., PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, SCARBOROUGH LAND TRUST

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,456,355.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$2,913,560.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest, BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Project Description: This proposal continues to build on these coastal conservation successes and will add to more than 184,000 acres conserved to date within 5 miles of the Gulf of Maine shoreline. Blue Hill Heritage Trust will work to protect and restore a total of 2,107.9 acres. This project will protect or restore habitats that will specifically support Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Flagship Species such as Saltmarsh Sparrow and American Black Duck.

Project Name: LOWER BEAR RIVER GREAT SALT LAKE II

Location: UT

Congressional District: UT-BOX ELDER-1, UT-DAVIS-1,2, UT-SALT LAKE-2

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Coryna Hebert

Project Country: US

Partner Name: CHESAPEAKE DUCK CLUB, CHEVRON SALT LAKE REFINERY, DUCKS UNLIMITED, LDS CHURCH, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, AUDUBON ROCKIES, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, UTAH DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE, & STATE LANDS

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,113,637.00

Joint Venture: INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 9-Great Basin

Project Description: This project represents a continuing effort for wetland and migratory waterbird conservation within the lower Bear River and Great Salt Lake ecosystem, one of the most important wetland areas in the Western Hemisphere. This project seeks to emphasize the ecological importance of the saline lake ecosystem, in addition to the vast freshwater to brackish wetlands that line the Great Salt Lake's eastern and southern shorelines. This project will support enhancement of 7,439 acres of palustrine emergent, lacustrine, and palustrine aquatic bed wetlands. Project work will benefit significant populations of Northern Pintail, Tundra Swan, Snowy Plover, White-faced Ibis, Redhead, Cinnamon Teal, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, California Gull, Wilson's Phalarope, Mallard, American Avocet, and American White Pelican.

Project Name: LAKE ERIE COASTAL WETLANDS IV

Location: OH

Congressional District: OH-ASHTABULA-14, OH-CUYAHOGA-7,11, OH-ERIE-9, OH-GEAUGA-14, OH-LAKE-14, OH-LORAIN-5, OH-MEDINA-7, OH-PORTAGE-13,14, OH-SUMMIT-13, OH-TRUMBULL-14

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Corey VanStratt

Project Country: US

Partner Name: ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, DUCKS UNLIMITED, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, NATURAL AREAS LAND CONSERVANCY, OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE, PORTAGE PARK DISTRICT, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, TRUMBULL COUNTY METROPARKS, WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$7,312,398.00

Joint Venture: UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 13-Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description: This project addresses a need to conserve wetlands and associated upland deciduous forests primarily in Northeastern Ohio as identified by the Upper Mississippi River & Great Lakes Region Joint Venture. Situated on the southern shore of Lake Erie, the ten-county project area is almost entirely within the Coastal Zone of the Great Lakes. This project features the permanent protection of 758 acres of forested, 255 acres of emergent, 441 acres of scrub-shrub, and 14 acres of riverine wetlands. In addition to 1,315 acres of uplands, much of which is deciduous forest. Another 105 acres of emergent wetlands and 5 acres of uplands will be restored. This diversity of habitat provides nesting, brood-rearing, migration stopover and wintering habitat for waterfowl, wetland obligate species and landbirds such as American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, and American Woodcock which utilizes forested wetlands, emergent marshes and wet meadows during the breeding season and migration.

Project Name: GREEN BAY - MARQUETTE COASTAL III

Location: WI

Congressional District: 3, 6, 7, 8

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Tally Hamilton

Project Country: US

Partner Name: BAIRD CREEK PRESERVATION FOUNDATION, BROWN COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY, GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, NORTHEAST WISCONSIN LAND TRUST, ONEIDA NATION OF WISCONSIN, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, TOWN OF GIBRALTAR, WI, WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,016,536.00

Joint Venture: UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 12-Boreal Hardwood Transition, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description: This project will continue and expand an initiative to protect, restore, and enhance 4,772 acres of critical wetland habitat in portions of the Lake Michigan Watershed in Wisconsin. The project area will target breeding and migratory stop over habitat in Wisconsin's priority watersheds as identified in the Wisconsin Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Strategy. Restoration and protection of these habitats will directly benefit wetland and grassland bird species including Blue-winged Teal, Piping Plovers, Red Knots, and Grasshopper Sparrow.

Project Name: FORTY ARPERT CANAL WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT II

Location: LA

Congressional District: 1, 6

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Project Country: US

Partner Name: COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, DUCKS UNLIMITED, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR, ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,450,000.00

Joint Venture: GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: The project areas of this proposal are located within the Pontchartrain Basin and the Mississippi River Delta Basin (Bird's Foot Delta). The proposed work will enhance 3,000 acres of coastal wetlands and help offset Louisiana's dramatic coastal wetland loss within these basins and provide quality habitat for numerous bird species and other wetland dependent wildlife such as Northern Pintail, Mottled Duck, and Reddish Egret.



Project Name: EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA WETLANDS VIII

Location: SD

Congressional District: SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Bruce Toay

Project Country: US

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH & PARKS

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$3,052,939.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description: This project is designed to integrate innovative measures and practices to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on working agricultural lands in eastern South Dakota. The activities in this project will directly benefit the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture. The first objective identified in the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture: South Dakota State Tactical Plan (2017) is to protect a total of 3,636.63 acres wetlands and grasslands with USFWS perpetual wetland and grassland easements. The easements will provide perpetual protection for critical habitats, benefiting breeding waterfowl (Mallard, Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal), shorebirds (Marbled Godwit, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope), waterbirds (American Bittern, Soras), and grassland birds (Bobolink, Dickcissel, Swainson's Hawk).

Project Name: CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT II

Location: CA

Congressional District: 4, 7, 8, 9, 10

Grantee Organization: CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

Project Officer: Robert Eddings

Project Country: US

Partner Name: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA STATE DUCK STAMP FUND, CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, CONSERVATION FARMS & RANCHES, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Date approved: 05/08/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,767,559.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$5,542,446.00

Joint Venture: CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project focuses on the coastal region of the Central Valley in the Yolo-Delta and Suisun Basins. This project will result in the restoration of 100 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, the enhancement of 648(8,982) acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 629(70) acres of uplands and 292 acres of flooded croplands. This project represents the habitat diversity of the region and are designed to address the regional priorities established in 2020 Central Valley Joint Venture: Implementation Plan. To effectively manage seasonal wetlands, all aspects of the water conveyance systems outlined in this project must be designed and constructed properly to benefit migratory birds such as Tule Greater White-fronted Goose, Norther Pintail, and Canvasback.