



Riparian Habitat Restoration

Vermont Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

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Priority species such as the golden winged warbler, monarch butterfly, wood turtle, and brook trout benefit from riparian habitat restoration projects.



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Habitat Restoration

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides financial and technical assistance to design and implement riparian habitat restoration projects in Vermont. USFWS staff work with local partners to conduct site assessments and design restoration plans.



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Working with Landowners and Local Partners

- ❑ Projects occur on private land in partnership with willing landowners.
- ❑ Many projects occur on agricultural land in conjunction with USDA Farm Bill programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- ❑ The Partners Program regularly works with over 30 Federal, State and NGO partners to implement habitat restoration projects.



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Conservation Success

- 660 projects have been completed with voluntary landowners in Vermont.
- restoration and enhancement of over **2,200 acres** of riparian habitat
- over **515 miles** of streambank habitat to benefit Federal Trust Resources and water quality.



VT Agency of Agriculture



Wetland Habitat Restoration

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Priority species such as the American black duck, monarch butterfly, blue spotted salamander, and Virginia rail benefit from wetland habitat restoration projects.



Wetland Habitat Restoration

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides financial and technical assistance to design and implement wetland habitat restoration projects in Vermont. Restoration techniques include, ditch plugs, shallow depressions, hummock/hollow creation, and tree and shrub planting.



Vermont Wetland Partnership

Initiated in 2008, a partnership between the Service, USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the VT Agency of Natural Resources was formed to restore degraded wetlands in Vermont.



Conservation Success

- Since 2008, over **65** projects have been completed as part of the wetland partnership in Vermont.
- Over **5,300 acres** of wetland habitat have been restored/enhanced.

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