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Service Awards \$1.38 million for Fish and Wildlife Restoration in the Great Lakes Basin

We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are pleased to announce that \$1.38 million in federal funding has been awarded under the Fiscal Year 2018 Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act (GLFWRA) grant program to restore sustainable populations of fish and wildlife resources, and their habitats, in the Great Lakes Basin. One regional project and nine research and restoration grant projects in part funded with \$900,000 in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding will provide more than \$600,000 in non-federal partner match contributions.

Since 1998, the Restoration Act has provided more than \$27.7 million dollars in federal funding to 175 research and restoration and regional projects. When combined with required matching funds, this equals to more than \$40.3 million worth of benefits to Great Lakes fish, wildlife and the habitats they depend on. More than 125 organizations have contributed more than \$12.7 million in matching non-federal partner support. Funded projects include:

Regional Project—

Assessing the Value of an Indicator Species for Wetland Quality, Connectivity, and Wildlife in the Great Lakes Basin, Wildlife Ecology Institute, \$140,700.

Research and Restoration Grant Projects—

Surveys and Habitat Modeling for Imperiled Native Mussels in the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers, Central Michigan University, \$247,934.

Restoring Headwater Wetlands in Springfield Township to Benefit Poweshiek Skipperling and Massasauga Rattlesnake, Springfield Township, \$153,192.

Restoration of Blazing Star Borer Moth Habitat in the Oak Openings, The Nature Conservancy, \$120,000.

Developing a High-throughput Marker Panel for Lake Sturgeon to Standardize Analyses Across the Great Lakes, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, \$115,477.

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Phase 2 - Aquatic Connectivity Under the Tribal Stream and Fruit Belt Partnership in Northern Michigan, Conservation Resource Alliance, \$241,851.

Boardman River: Brown Bridge – Aquatic Habitat & Bank Stabilization Project Using Wood – Phase-II, Grand Traverse Conservation District, \$30,034.

Refining Techniques for Automated Wetland Mapping in the Great Lakes Region, Ducks Unlimited, \$60,000.

Assessing the Risk of Emergent and Endemic Fish Pathogens to Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Populations, Michigan State University, \$193,177.

Developing a Cowbird Monitoring Strategy to Protect Kirtland’s Warblers Under a Reduced Trapping Program, Smithsonian Institution, \$77,962.

For more information on the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, including how to apply for funding, please visit <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/glfwra-grants.html>.

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