

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

July 6, 2011

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on July 6, 2011 in Jackson, WY, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on September 14, 2011.

The total funding available for FY2012 is currently estimated at \$70,809,954 from all funding sources. All Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act receipts must be used in United States coastal ecosystems. All general receipts will be allocated 50% to United States, 45% to Canada, and 5% to projects in Mexico. These allocation percentages will result in estimated country allotments of: United States, \$44,966,025 (including \$3,000,000 reserved for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$22,946,976; and Mexico, \$2,896,953. A portion of the United States funds, \$84,500, is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent within the states of Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Project Proposal Recommendations

The Council selected the following 21 United States Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$20,771,561 in funding, to the Commission. The proposals' match contributions amount to \$51,768,705. Total partner contributions amount to \$57,023,783.

Ace Basin: Edisto River Corridor Phase VI, SC
Albemarle/Chowan Wetland Conservation Initiative, NC, VA
Carteret County, NC Coastal Initiative Phase II, NC
Cedar-Wapsi Valley Wetlands II, IA
Centennial Valley Restoration and Protection Project III, MT
Channeled Scablands Focus Area, Phase 3, WA
Chase Lake Area Wetland Project X, ND
Heads of the Estuaries Partnership, Maine: Habitat Protection: Phase II, ME
Lake County Closed Basin Project - Phase 4, OR
Mingo Basin Partnership II, MO
Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project - X, ND
Montana Hi-Line Prairie Wetland Project III, MT
North Sacramento Valley Wetland Habitat Project, Phase V, CA
Northeastern Ohio Wetlands Project, OH
Northern Tulare/San Joaquin Basins IV, CA
Prairies Without Borders Phase III, SD
Santee Delta and Winyah Bay Wetlands Protection Project, SC
South Carolina Lowcountry Wetlands Initiative II, SC
Tony Dean's Acres, SD
Western Michigan Coastal Habitat Project, MI

Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement of Private and Public Lands, TX Gulf Coast IX,
TX

New Matching Contribution Plans were also approved for the following four proposals:
Montana Hi-Line Prairie Wetland Project III, MT
Northeastern Ohio Wetlands Project, OH
Santee Delta and Winyah Bay Wetlands Protection Project, SC
Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement of Private and Public Lands, TX Gulf Coast IX,
TX

These recommendations are subject to available funding for FY 2012.

The balance of estimated FY 2011 funds will be allocated as follows: U.S., \$33,050,735;
Canada, \$28,350,032; Mexico, \$3,381,359.

Scheduling

The next Council meeting is scheduled to be held in Washington, DC on December 6,
2011.

Meeting Summary

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