

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

The Canada Program

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and partnerships to carry out wetland conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

North American Wetlands Conservation Council



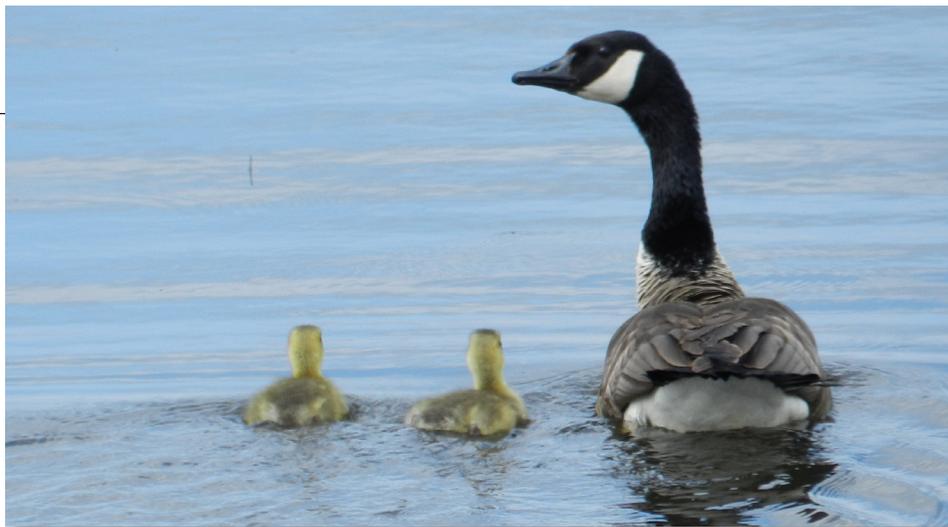
Accomplishments

Since 1991, 164 partners have been involved in 578 North American Wetlands Conservation Act projects in Canada. Partners have matched grant funds one-to-one, doubling the impact on the ground. Grant and matching funds support a wide range of conservation activities in Canada, including projects aiming to:

- protect, restore, or enhance wetlands and other migratory bird habitats throughout the country;
- permanently secure habitat for birds and other wetland-dependent species, particularly high priority waterfowl;
- manage wetland ecosystems and conduct complementary



Lesser Yellowlegs. Credit: Jim Hudgins/USFWS



Canada Goose with goslings. Credit: Laura Hubers/USFWS

conservation activities such as stewardship, evaluation, and communications;

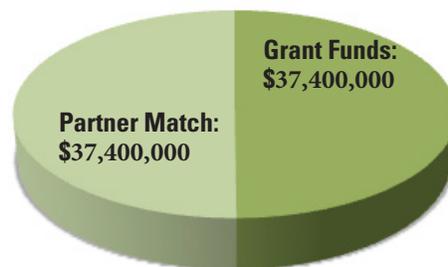
- encourage partnerships among public agencies and other organizations as valuable mechanisms for wetland conservation; and
- promote sustainable use of wetlands, waterfowl, and other wetland-dependent species.

The Process

Applicants submit project proposals to the appropriate Joint Venture Provincial Steering Committees and applicable Habitat Joint Venture

Management Boards. These bodies then collate and submit the proposal package to Environment Canada's Wetlands Office, which forwards eligible proposals to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council of Canada for review and endorsement. Projects are presented to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council in the United States, which reviews and recommends them to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for final funding approval. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Bird Habitat Conservation awards and administers the approved grant projects.

2020 Grants



Number of Projects: 6

Program Totals since 1991

Grant Funding: \$616,872,102

Matching Funds: \$617,747,234

Projects: 578

Provinces & Territories: 12

Acres Affected: 16,499,638

Project Highlights

In 2020, approved projects will invest approximately \$37.4 million in federal funds in 12 Canadian provinces and territories, including:

- Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation - \$850,000 to secure and enhance 2,861 acres of wetland and upland habitat, and to manage 112,324 acres throughout Manitoba.
- Ducks Unlimited Canada - \$24,500,000 to secure and enhance 49,943 acres in six western provinces and territories, as well as manage over 6.2 million acres.
- Nature Conservancy Canada - \$1,000,000 to secure and enhance 565 acres of wetlands and uplands and manage over 29,528 acres in British Columbia.
- Nature Conservancy Canada - \$3,000,000 to secure and enhance 3,700 acres of wetlands and uplands, and manage over 89,600 acres in Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Region.

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History

Over the past 25 years, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act has provided funds to protect and restore more than 30 million acres in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Act was originally passed to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetland and associated upland habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds. The Act has since expanded its scope to include the conservation of wetland associated migratory birds listed in the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, and the Partners In Flight Conservation Plans.



Mallard flock. Credit: Matt Filsinger/USFWS

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