

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

U.S. Standard Grants 2017-2 Cycle

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Project Name WETLANDS OF THE GRASSLAND ECOLOGICAL AREA PHASE I

Location (County) CA-MERCED, CA-STANISLAUS

Congressional District CA-MERCED-16, CA-STANISLAUS-10

Grantee Organization CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,046,275.00

Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Ecoregion

Project Description Proposed projects will restore 273 acres of palustrine emergent habitat, 8 acres of palustrine forested habitat, and 35 acres of associated uplands. Enhancement efforts on 7,290 acres (6,261 acres of palustrine emergent habitat, 24 acres of palustrine forested habitat, and 1,005 acres of associated uplands) will improve the manager's ability to perform moist soil management. The need to expand and enhance breeding habitat is key to supporting and elevating local breeding waterbird populations as identified within the 2006 CVJV Plan. From the acreage identified above we will be enhancing 125 acres of semi-permanent wetlands. The acreage will be specifically managed for late summer water for brood rearing. In addition, projects with identified upland improvement efforts will see a total of 1,040 acres benefitted. Project benefits will be contributing directly to the CVJV and NAWMP goals by providing long term protection, expansion and enhancement on both private and public lands that will benefit five high priority waterfowl species (Cackling Canada Goose, Northern Pintail, Mallard, Lesser and Greater Scaup), seven priority waterfowl species (Pacific Greater White-fronted Goose, Wrangel Island Snow Goose, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon), and 16 other waterfowl species. Projects will also benefit numerous NAWCA priority birds, nine federal and state listed species and numerous species of concern.

Project Name SOUTH CAROLINA LOWCOUNTRY WETLANDS VIII

Location (County) SC-CHARLESTON, SC-CLARENDON, SC-WILLIAMSBURG

Congressional District SC-CHARLESTON-1, SC-CLARENDON-6, SC-WILLIAMSBURG-6

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

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Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Ecoregion

Project Description This project will protect and enhance a total 2,461 acres of diverse wildlife habitat in the Southeastern Coastal Plain including 1,755 acres of wetlands and 7 acres of associated uplands on three tracts. The completed project will provide increased foraging capacity and important habitat for pair isolation, thermal refuge and roosting for six NAWCA High Priority waterfowl species, five NAWCA Other Priority waterfowl species and seven other species of waterfowl. Additionally, 20 NAWCA Priority Species of wetland-dependent migratory birds from BCR 27 will benefit from increased foraging, nesting or roosting habitat. Several other wetland-dependent or wetland associated species will also benefit directly, including twelve federally listed, threatened or candidate species and four state-listed endangered or species of concern.

Project Name SAN LUIS VALLEY RIO GRANDE INITIATIVE V

Location (County) CO-ALAMOSA, CO-CONEJOS, CO-RIO GRANDE

Congressional District CO-ALAMOSA-3, CO-CONEJOS-3, CO-RIO GRANDE-3

Grantee Organization RIO GRANDE HEADWATERS LAND TRUST (RIGHT)

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Partner Name STA-COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE, OTH-GATES FAMILY FOUNDATION, STA-GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, OTH-LOR FOUNDATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-RIO GRANDE HEADWATERS LAND TRUST (RIGHT), CON-RIO GRANDE HEADWATERS RESTORATION PROJECT (RGHRP), CON-WESTERN RIVERS CONSERVANCY

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$3,279,500.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 16-Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal will protect four key parcels along the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers in Colorado through conservation easements and wetland enhancements. It will conserve critical breeding, migration and wintering habitat for priority waterfowl, including northern pintail, canvasback, ring-necked duck, and American wigeon.

Project Name SAGINAW BAY TO LAKE ERIE COASTAL WETLAND HABITAT PROJECT PHASE IV

Location (County) MI-ARENAC, MI-BAY, MI-GENESEE, MI-GLADWIN, MI-HILLSDALE, MI-HURON, MI-

IOSCO, MI-JACKSON, MI-LAPEER, MI-LENAWEE, MI-LIVINGSTON, MI-MACOMB, MI-MIDLAND, MI-MONROE, MI-OAKLAND, MI-OGEMAW, MI-SAGINAW, MI-SANILAC, MI-ST. CLAIR, MI-TUSCOLA, MI-WASHTENAW, MI-WAYNE

Congressional District MI-ARENAC-5, MI-BAY-5, MI-GENESEE-5, MI-GLADWIN-4, MI-HILLSDALE-7, MI-HURON-10, MI-IOSCO-5, MI-JACKSON-7, MI-LAPEER-10, MI-LENAWEE-7, MI-LIVINGSTON-8, MI-MACOMB-9,10, MI-MIDLAND-4, MI-MONROE-7, MI-OAKLAND-14, MI-OAKLAND-8,9,11, MI-OGEMAW-4, MI-SAGINAW-4,5, MI-SANILAC-10, MI-ST. CLAIR-10, MI-TUSCOLA-5,10, MI-WASHTENAW-7,12, MI-WAYNE-11,12,13, MI-WAYNE-14

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name PRO-AXALTA COATING SYSTEMS, OTH-BAY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-MICHIGAN NATURE ASSOCIATION, CON-NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., LOC-PORT OF MONROE, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-SAGINAW BASIN LAND CONSERVANCY, CON-SHIAWASSEE FLATS CITIZENS & HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, CON-ST CLAIR FLATS WATERFOWLERS, INC., CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,002,764.00

Joint Venture UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region BCR 12-Boreal Hardwood Transition, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Ecoregion

Project Description Phase IV of the Saginaw Bay to Lake Erie Coastal Habitat Project focuses on the 22 coastal zone counties associated with Saginaw Bay and western Lake Erie in Michigan. More than 3 million waterfowl annually migrate through or breed in the Great Lakes region and many of them depend on this corridor of fragmented habitat that extends from Saginaw Bay to western Lake Erie, including Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. The corridor has vital breeding habitat for mallards and wood ducks, as well as smaller breeding populations of American black ducks, redheads, shovelers, and blue-winged teal and important migration habitat for canvasback, scaup, redheads, mallards, and American black ducks. In addition, grassland dependent neotropical songbirds such as Henslow's sparrows, grasshopper sparrows, bobolinks, and dickcissels benefit from prairie conserved under this project. This proposal will directly impact a total of 3,520.7 acres of wetlands and prairie through protection (692 acres), restoration (1,328 acres), and enhancement (1,500 acres), building on the accomplishments of past NAWCA initiatives that have resulted in the conservation of more than 20,000 acres of habitat.

Project Name PINE PASTURE WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT

Location (County) LA-CAMERON, LA-PLAQUEMINES

Congressional District LA-CAMERON-3, LA-PLAQUEMINES-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name STA-COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$999,828.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,250,000.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal will help offset coastal loss in Louisiana. It will benefit open water wetlands, forested ridges, agricultural wetlands, and brackish marsh through repair of damaged levees and replacement of water control structures. It will provide habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, waterbirds, and songbirds.

Project Name NORTH DAKOTA GREAT PLAINS PROJECT IX

Location (County) ND-ADAMS, ND-BILLINGS, ND-BOWMAN, ND-DUNN, ND-EMMONS, ND-GOLDEN VALLEY, ND-GRANT, ND-HETTINGER, ND-MCKENZIE, ND-MERCER, ND-MORTON, ND-OLIVER, ND-SIOUX, ND-SLOPE, ND-STARK

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,070,342.00

Joint Venture NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS, PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal will conserve 27,524 acres of wetlands and associated uplands through conservation easements, managed grazing, enhancement, and wetland establishment. The grantee will work with local ranchers to establish a rotational grazing system, which will result in better forage for livestock and better habitat for birds. Wildlife that will benefit include northern pintail and long-billed curlew.

Project Name MISSOURI COTEAU HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECT XV

Location (County) ND-BURKE, ND-BURLEIGH, ND-DICKEY, ND-DIVIDE, ND-EMMONS, ND-FOSTER, ND-KIDDER, ND-LA MOURE, ND-LOGAN, ND-MC HENRY, ND-MCINTOSH, ND-MCLEAN, ND-MOUNTRAIL, ND-SHERIDAN, ND-STUTSMAN, ND-WARD, ND-WELLS, ND-WILLIAMS

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,009,027.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Ecoregion

Project Description This is phase fifteen of an ongoing project designed to protect wetland and grassland communities using a landscape level approach to planning and targeting. Grassland habitats in the region are critically important components of the prairie pothole ecosystem and are largely responsible for maintaining the functions and values of adjacent prairie wetlands. Once lost, the ecological functionality of native prairie habitats is nearly impossible to restore. The project will acquire grassland and wetland easements and one fee donated tract in the Missouri Coteau Region of North Dakota to protect 3,928 acres of grassland and wetland habitat for migratory birds. The easements will become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program.

Project Name LOWCOUNTRY PROTECTION IV

Location (County) SC-CHARLESTON, SC-CLARENDON, SC-GEORGETOWN

Congressional District SC-CHARLESTON-1, SC-CLARENDON-6, SC-GEORGETOWN-7

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,049,818.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal represents the fourth of several phases to permanently protect strategic coastal properties consisting of diverse wetland and upland habitats in the project area which is defined as the entire South Carolina Lowcountry. Specifically, this project will conserve important habitat through fee acquisition of two strategic properties, the acquisition of a conservation easement on another strategic property, and the enhancement of wetland habitat on a state-owned wildlife management area. These conservation projects total 1,675 acres of critical habitat across three of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Waterfowl Focus Areas. The South Carolina Lowcountry wetland complex plays an important role for many species of migrating waterfowl by providing the most extensive, intact

wetlands in the southeastern United States. Priority waterfowl species that will benefit from this project include: American black duck, mottled duck, mallard, American wigeon, northern pintail, lesser scaup, ring-necked duck, redhead, canvasback and wood duck.

Project Name KANSAS PRAIRIE WETLANDS III

Location (County) KS

Congressional District KS-ALL COUNTIES-1,2,3,4

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name PRO-CARGILL, INC., LOC-CITY OF WICHITA, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER, CON-KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR WETLANDS & STREAMS, STA-KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STA-KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS & TOURISM, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., CON-PLAYA LAKES JOINT VENTURE, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, PRO-WESTAR ENERGY

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$859,500.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,091,817.00

Joint Venture PLAYA LAKES, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie, BCR 19-Central Mixed-grass Prairie, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal will provide critical links between Prairie Pothole breeding areas and wintering habitats. The focus will be to target multiple restoration projects on top priority playa wetlands in western Kansas. Restorations will vary by project but will include various practices identified by our partners that include pit fills, ditch plugging, buffer plantings, sediment removal, culvert installation, levee construction, and other hydrologic restoration. Additional improvements will be available to landowners such as fencing, livestock water facilities, and improvements to irrigation equipment that are negatively affecting playas. Objectives include restoration of over 1,400 acres of playas and associated uplands. The proposed projects will enhance, restore, and protect a diversity of habitats consisting of mostly palustrine emergent marsh and native prairies. These habitats will provide benefits to wildlife including species of conservation concern like whooping cranes, least terns, piping and snowy plovers. Mallard, northern pintail, wood duck, king rail, American bittern, Hudsonian godwit and common tern.

Project Name JAMES RIVER LOWLANDS / MISSOURI COTEAU PROJECT IX

Location (County) SD-AURORA, SD-BEADLE, SD-BON HOMME, SD-BRULE, SD-BUFFALO, SD-CAMPBELL, SD-CHARLES MIX, SD-DAVISON, SD-DOUGLAS, SD-EDMUNDS, SD-FAULK, SD-HAND, SD-HANSON, SD-HUGHES, SD-HUTCHINSON, SD-HYDE, SD-JERAULD, SD-KINGSBURY, SD-MCCOOK, SD-MCPHERSON, SD-MINER, SD-POTTER, SD-SANBORN, SD-SPINK, SD-SULLY, SD-WALWORTH, SD-YANKTON

Congressional District SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name PRO-BASS PRO SHOPS, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRO-FIRST BANK OF OMAHA, OTH-GROHNE FAMILY FOUNDATION
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Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$1,004,800.00
Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE
Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes
Ecoregion

Project Description Recent developments in trans-genetic crop technology and associated changes in agricultural economics and policy are rapidly transforming the James River Lowlands and Missouri Coteau of central South Dakota from an expansive prairie-wetland system used for livestock ranching to a landscape dominated by tillage agriculture. This is phase nine of a project designed to protect wetland and grassland communities using a landscape level approach to planning to protect critical habitat for migratory birds. The project will acquire grassland and wetland easements in the Missouri Coteau and James River Lowlands Regions of South Dakota to protect 1,558 acres of grassland and wetland habitat for migratory birds. The easements will become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program.

Project Name HORICON COASTAL CONNECTION
Location (County) WI-COLUMBIA, WI-DANE, WI-DODGE, WI-FOND DU LAC, WI-JEFFERSON, WI-WASHINGTON, WI-WINNEBAGO
Congressional District WI-COLUMBIA-6, WI-DANE-2, WI-DODGE-5,6, WI-FOND DU LAC-6, WI-JEFFERSON-5, WI-WASHINGTON-5, WI-WINNEBAGO-6,8
Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED
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Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-FOUNDATION FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, CON-FRIENDS OF HORICON MARSH EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTER, LOC-JEFFERSON COUNTY, OTH-LAKE POYGAN SPORTSMAN CLUB, CON-NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER - FOX RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), LOC-WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, STA-WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Date approved 04/26/2017
Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$2,048,061.00
Joint Venture UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES
Bird Conservation Region BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition
Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal aims to connect major migratory bird use areas through the protection, restoration, and enhancement of priority breeding and migratory stop over habitat in Wisconsin's Southeast Focus Area, area is experiencing rapid urban development and continued agricultural pressure that is negatively impacting wetland and associated upland ecosystems. The over-

all objective of the project is to enhance 5,087 acres of key migratory stopover habitat while protecting 797 acres and restoring 256 acres to compliment these areas and provide additional breeding opportunities. Protection, restoration, and enhancement of these lands will directly benefit wetland and grassland species to include: breeding habitat for waterfowl species such as mallard, American black duck, northern pintail, wood duck, and ring-necked duck; foraging, nesting, and migratory stop-over habitat for many species of shorebirds, waterfowl, and waterbirds such as American bittern, norther harrier, American woodcock, black tern, acadian flycatcher, marsh wren, cerulean warbler, redhead, and northern pintail.

Project Name CONNECTICUT COASTAL INITIATIVE II

Location (County) CT-HARTFORD, CT-MIDDLESEX, CT-NEW HAVEN, CT-NEW LONDON

Congressional District CT-HARTFORD-1,2, CT-MIDDLESEX-2, CT-NEW HAVEN-3, CT-NEW LONDON-2

Grantee Organization CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Partner Name STA-CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-ESSEX LAND TRUST, CON-SALEM LAND TRUST INC., CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, CON-THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, LOC-TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, LOC-TOWN OF GUILFORD

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$999,361.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,935,750.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Ecoregion

Project Description This project will protect and restore critical wetland habitats in coastal Connecticut. This wetland complex provides essential habitat for numerous regionally, nationally, and globally rare birds and other wildlife, and forms an extensive biological corridor that links marine and estuarine waters of the Atlantic Ocean. In spite of the high rate of development and habitat loss along the coast, the state has globally significant breeding and wintering populations of many highest-priority species of wetland-dependent birds, such as Saltmarsh Sparrow, Roseate Tern, and American Black Duck. .This project will involve protection and restoration of key parcels within and adjacent to the Connecticut River Estuary & Tidal Wetlands Complex and 3 other focus areas. All tracts will be open to public use.

Project Name COASTAL TEXAS I

Location (County) TX-ARANSAS, TX-AUSTIN, TX-BEE, TX-BRAZORIA, TX-BROOKS, TX-CALHOUN, TX-CAMERON, TX-CHAMBERS, TX-COLORADO, TX-FORT BEND, TX-GALVESTON, TX-GOLIAD, TX-HARRIS, TX-HIDALGO, TX-JACKSON, TX-JEFFERSON, TX-KENEDY, TX-KLEBERG, TX-LAVACA, TX-LIBERTY, TX-MATAGORDA, TX-NUECES, TX-ORANGE, TX-REFUGIO, TX-SAN PATRICIO, TX-STARR, TX-VICTORIA, TX-WALLER, TX-WHARTON, TX-WILLACY

Congressional District TX-ARANSAS-27, TX-AUSTIN-10, TX-BEE-34, TX-BRAZORIA-14,22, TX-BROOKS-15, TX-CALHOUN-27, TX-CAMERON-34, TX-CHAMBERS-14,36, TX-COLORADO-10, TX-FORT BEND-9,22, TX-

GALVESTON-14, TX-GOLIAD-34, TX-HARRIS-10,18,22, TX-HARRIS-2,7,8,9, TX-HARRIS-29,36, TX-HIDALGO-15,28,34, TX-JACKSON-27, TX-JEFFERSON-14, TX-KENEDY-34, TX-KLEBERG-34, TX-LAVACA-27, TX-LIBERTY-36, TX-MATAGORDA-27, TX-NUECES-27, TX-ORANGE-36, TX-REFUGIO-27, TX-SAN PATRICIO-27,34, TX-STARR-28, TX-VICTORIA-27, TX-WALLER-22, TX-WHARTON-27, TX-WILLACY-34

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE, STA-TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$998,622.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,000.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 21-Oaks and Prairies, BCR 25-West Gulf Coastal Plain/Ouachitas, BCR 36-Tamaulipan Brushlands, BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Ecoregion

Project Description This proposal will provide breeding habitat for mottled ducks, black-bellied and fulvous whistling ducks, as well as provide wintering/migration habitat for 5 high priority waterfowl (mottled duck, northern pintail, mallard, lesser scaup, greater scaup, and Cackling Canada Goose) and 6 other priority waterfowl species (redhead, canvasback, American wigeon, wood duck, and ring-necked duck), and over 30 priority shorebird, waterbird and landbird species.

Project Name CHESAPEAKE RIVERS CONSERVATION PHASE II

Location (County) MD-CAROLINE, MD-DORCHESTER, MD-SOMERSET, MD-TALBOT, MD-WICOMICO

Congressional District MD-CAROLINE-1, MD-DORCHESTER-1, MD-SOMERSET-1, MD-TALBOT-1, MD-WICOMICO-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name CON-CHESAPEAKE CONSERVANCY, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-EASTERN SHORE LAND CONSERVANCY, CON-LOWER SHORE LAND TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), FED-U.S. NAVY, NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,285,966.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Ecoregion

Project Description This is phase II of a project to contribute to a long-term, landscape-scale effort to protect and restore wetland habitat in the Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico, and Pocomoke River watersheds, four of the most pristine watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. These watersheds are renowned for verdant tidal and non-tidal wetland complexes that support notable plant and wildlife biological diversity, including a significant number of rare species. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest

estuary in the United States and stages or winters millions of waterfowl and other wetland dependent migratory birds every year. The project will add 386 acres of conservation easements to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, secure perpetual conservation easements on another 1,898 acres of private lands, and restore important wetlands on another 39 acres. A total of 1,255 acres - 54 percent of the area proposed for protection - are declining palustrine forested/emergent and estuarine emergent wetland habitats. Priority species that will benefit from these habitats include: American black duck, northern pintail, wood duck, and mallard, prothonotary warblers, Kentucky warblers, wood thrush, and worm-eating warblers.

Project Name CAROLINA WETLANDS INITIATIVE IV

Location (County) NC-BRUNSWICK, NC-CARTERET, NC-COLUMBUS, NC-CRAVEN

Congressional District NC-BRUNSWICK-7, NC-CARTERET-3, NC-COLUMBUS-7, NC-CRAVEN-3

Grantee Organization NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

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Partner Name STA-NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND, CON-NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, STA-NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,300,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Ecoregion

Project Description The Carolina Wetlands Initiative IV will result in the permanent protection of 2,439 acres of decreasing wetland types, including 2,364-acres of bottomland hardwoods and cypress-gum swamp, 55-acres of pocosin, and 20 acres of Atlantic white cedar forest. The Carolina Wetlands Initiative IV will add 1,000 acres to the State of North Carolina's Columbus County Game Lands which is open for public hunting and fishing including hunting for whitetail deer, black bear, wild turkey, waterfowl, and small game. The Columbus County Game Lands also offer opportunities for passive recreation (e.g., bird watching, wildlife viewing, and hiking).

Project Name BUTTE & COLUSA BASINS WETLANDS V

Location (County) CA-BUTTE, CA-COLUSA, CA-GLENN

Congressional District CA-BUTTE-1, CA-COLUSA-3, CA-GLENN-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Partner Name STA-CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, STA-CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRO-MARK OTTENWALTER LASER LEVELING & CUSTOM FARMING, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), OTH-SYCAMORE FAMILY TRUST, OTH-TANGLEFREE

PROPERTIES, LLC, PRO-TROUBADOUR LAND SURVEYING, LOC-WILLOW CREEK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Ecoregion

Project Description This project is located within the Sacramento Valley portion of California's Central Valley, which is one of the most important and most threatened areas for waterfowl and other wetland-dependent wildlife in the continent. It will protect, restore, or enhance a total of 3,635 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, palustrine forested habitat, and associated uplands in a region of continental importance to all the major bird groups. It will protect, restore or enhance 3,492 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands and palustrine forested habitats. Both are decreasing habitat types. It will also restore or enhance 143 acres of wetland-associated uplands. Project work will include conducting topographic surveys and preparing engineering designs; recontouring the land; constructing swales, potholes, islands, and levees; removing dysfunctional levees and water control structures; renovating existing levees and ditches; installing water control structures; renovating a major water delivery system; and planting native vegetation. The work will benefit numerous waterfowl, shorebirds, and other waterbirds that use the Butte and Colusa Basins for migration, wintering, or breeding including northern pintail, mallard, white-fronted goose, cackling Canada goose, American avocet, black-necked stilt, western sandpiper, white-faced ibis, and Virginia rail. Many species that use either wetland-associated uplands or riparian habitat for nesting and foraging will also benefit. These include northern harrier, white-tailed kite, red-winged blackbird, common yellowthroat, and yellow warbler. This project will also benefit 30 special-status species including five that are state and/or federally listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered. Listed species include giant garter snake, western yellow-billed cuckoo, bald eagle, willow flycatcher, and greater sandhill crane.

Project Name BAY DENESSE DELTA MANAGEMENT

Location (County) LA-PLAQUEMINES

Congressional District LA-PLAQUEMINES-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer Mike Carloss

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Partner Name PRO-CAJUN FISHING ADVENTURES, STA-COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$999,989.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,125,500.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Ecoregion

Project Description The project will restore 3,060 acres of coastal habitats in two key basins in

Louisiana. Work will increase sediment flow to allow for natural marsh building, restore 2.5 miles of shoreline through dune and beach building. Seventy-five percent of project lands will provide opportunities for public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation (additional 25% with landowner permission)

Project Name WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA WETLANDS II

Location (County) MN-BIG STONE, MN-CHIPPEWA, MN-GRANT, MN-LAC QUI PARLE, MN-POPE, MN-STEVENS, MN-SWIFT

Congressional District MN-BIG STONE-7, MN-CHIPPEWA-7, MN-GRANT-7, MN-LAC QUI PARLE-7, MN-POPE-7, MN-STEVENS-7, MN-SWIFT-7

Grantee Organization PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

Project Officer Eran Sandquist

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Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-LESSARD SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL, STA-MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER & SOIL RESOURCES, STA-MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 04/26/2017

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,457,127.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Ecoregion

Project Description Key tracts of prairie and wetlands are under intense pressure from agriculture and gravel mining interests. Partners will accelerate wetland and upland conservation by acquiring 759.38 acres in fee title and 210.3 acres under perpetual easement. Wetlands will be enhanced by constructing low, earthen dams (some with water control structures) or removing drainage tiles Wildlife expected to benefit include mallards, gadwall, canvasbacks, northern shovelers, northern pintail, ruddy ducks, and more.