

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT GRANTS

U.S. STANDARD GRANTS

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Project Name WHITE RIVER NWR BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD ENHANCEMENT
Congressional District AR-ARKANSAS-1, AR-GREENE-1, AR-LAWRENCE-1, AR-PHILLIPS-1, MS-WARREN-2
Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED
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Project Country US
Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRO-ENERGY, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), OTH-RIGGS BENEVOLENT FUND, CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$999,976.00
Proposed Match Amount \$2,395,000.00
Joint Venture LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
Bird Conservation Region BCR 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley

Project Description: This project will protect and enhance 2,668 acres on five project sites in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley in Mississippi and Arkansas. By protecting and enhancing bottomland hardwoods and emergent wetlands to be more water efficient, project work will help compensate for the region's loss of seasonally flooded forested wetlands and will enhance other wetland values and functions by improving water quality in adjacent waterways, providing natural flood storage capacity and enhancing soil conservation by reducing sediments and nutrients in precipitation runoff. The project will improve habitat conditions or protect habitat for 6 NAWCA High Priority waterfowl species, 5 NAWCA Priority waterfowl species, and 10 other species of waterfowl.

Project Name WESTERN WYOMING WETLAND PARTNERSHIP
Congressional District WY-AT LARGE
Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED
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Project Country US
Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRO-JACKSON HOLE LAND TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-WYOMING GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT, STA-WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, STA-WYOMING WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND
Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$2,206,260.00
Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
Bird Conservation Region BCR 10-Northern Rockies

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 785 acres, while restoring 2,370 acres and enhancing 563 acres in Western Wyoming. Activities include the acquisition of four conservation easements; construction, installation of levees, pipelines and other water control structures, river channel and riparian restoration, and installation of fencing to achieve vegetation conditions favored by waterfowl, shorebirds, and wading birds. The projects expand and complement habitats protected through other conservation efforts within the project area. Although more than 100,000 acres have been protected via permanent conservation easements within the project area, only the Western Wyoming Wetlands Partnership is dedicated to improving wetlands by restoring and enhancing ecological function.

Wildlife benefitting include mallard, Northern pintail, lesser scaup, wood duck, redhead, canvasback, ring-necked duck, American wigeon, Canada geese, and arguably the most iconic to the people of western Wyoming, the trumpeter swan.

Project Name TEXAS BAYS WETLANDS & PRAIRIES
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-10, TX-WHARTON-27, TX-WILLACY-34
Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED
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Project Country US
Partner Name PRO-AXALTA COATING SYSTEMS, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, CON-TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,255.00
Joint Venture GULF COAST
Bird Conservation Region BCR 36-Tamulipan Brushlands, BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: The project will partially compensate for the region's continued loss of fresh and intermediate vegetated marsh, wet prairie habitat, and riparian habitat, and provide semi-permanent and seasonal wetland habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife by collectively enhancing 2,422 acres of wetlands, including 1,851 acres of decreasing wetland

types; Estuarine Intertidal Emergent and Palustrine Emergent wetlands. Specific habitats types in Tract 1 project sites will be located within the agricultural landscape of the Texas Coast and will include Palustrine wetland habitats with shallow flooded conditions, such as managed moist-soil and emergent wetlands, and rice fields (harvested and idle). Tract 2 in Redfish Bay is dominated by submerged aquatic vegetation (seagrasses) that are protected by remnant islands. Habitat types in Tract 3 include intertidal emergent marsh and mudflats, high marsh, and subtidal ditches. Tract 4 habitats include two freshwater ponds that provide semi-permanently and permanently flooded habitat.

Project activities will enhance habitats for 11 priority waterfowl species and 12 additional waterfowl species common to the Texas Coast. Project sites provide crucial year-round habitat, including suitable nesting habitat, for resident Mottled Ducks, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and Fulvous Whistling Ducks.

Project Name SUISUN WETLANDS CONSERVATION III

Congressional District CA-SOLANO-3

Grantee Organization CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CON-CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$916,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,374,549.00

Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project will enhance 1,370 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands in the Suisun Marsh (Marsh), which is located in the Central Valley of California, adjacent to and between the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The Central Valley has been described by the Central Valley Joint Venture as the most important wintering area for waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway. It is estimated that 60% of the Pacific Flyway's waterfowl population (excluding sea ducks), representing about 20% of the entire continental waterfowl population, either winters or migrates through the Central Valley of California. Natural wetlands in California have declined by over 90% from an estimated 5 million acres historically to less than 450,000 acres at the present time.

The project will benefit five high priority waterfowl species, 7 priority waterfowl species and 14 other species of waterfowl. Projects will also benefit numerous NAWCA priority birds, 16 federal and state listed and candidate species, and numerous species of concern.

Project Name SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WETLAND HABITAT IV
Congressional District CA-FRESNO-21, CA-KERN-21
Grantee Organization CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION
Project Officer Robert Eddings
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Project Country US
Partner Name STA-CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$985,250.00
Proposed Match Amount \$1,970,500.00
Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY
Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description: The project will increase the quantity, quality and sustainability of wetlands within the Tulare Basin in California's Central Valley. Much of the water conveyance and management infrastructure in the region was constructed using old methods and equipment and is not optimized for water efficiency. All restoration and enhancement work will include construction specifications and design principles that are intended to simultaneously maximize water efficiency and habitat productivity.

Project work will benefit four high priority waterfowl species (Northern Pintail, Mallard, Lesser and Greater Scaup), six priority waterfowl species (Pacific Greater White-fronted Goose, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon), and 13 other species of waterfowl.

Project Name SOUTH ATLANTIC BASINS: LOWER PEE DEE TO OKEFENOKEE I
Congressional District GA-CAMDEN-1, SC-GEORGETOWN-7
Grantee Organization THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
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Project Country US
Partner Name CON-BUTLER CONSERVATION FUND, LOC-CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, STA-GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, GEORGIA CHAPTER
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$3,349,756.00
Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project will protect estuarine intertidal wetlands, freshwater-forested wetlands, maritime forests and longleaf pine forests that will benefit a broad array of priority bird species and will directly support the ACJV's Waterfowl Implementation Plan, the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI) and the ACJV's Conserving Coastal Marshes Initiative. Cabin Bluff WMA (Tract 1) is a 7,300-acre property with extensive coastal salt marsh, freshwater forested wetlands, pine flatwoods and maritime forest.

Priority waterfowl species that will benefit from this project include: American Black Duck, Lesser and Greater Scaup, Mallard, Mottled Duck, Northern Pintail, American Wigeon, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, and Wood Duck. The project will support high-priority neotropical migratory birds during the breeding and migration seasons such as Swallow-tailed Kite, Painted Bunting and Wood Thrush.

Project Name SAN JOAQUIN & KERN RIVERS WATERSHEDS I

Congressional District CA-FRESNO-22, CA-KERN-21,23, CA-MADERA-16, CA-MERCED-16, CA-STANISLAUS-10

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-CALIFORNIA AUDUBON, STA-CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY, STA-CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, LOC-GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT, CON-KERN RIVER VALLEY HERITAGE FOUNDATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY, CON-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PARKWAY & CONSERVATION TRUST, INC

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,775,768.00

Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description This project will acquire, restore, and enhance 2,807 acres of freshwater wetlands, riparian corridors, and upland habitats in California's Central Valley. Wetland restoration and enhancement will increase the extent and quality of nutrient rich forage, freshwater, and cover for high priority migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, and waterbirds. Additionally, these wetlands will increase or improve critical foraging and breeding habitat for federally and state listed species such as giant garter snake, Tricolored Blackbird, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and southwestern Willow Flycatcher. The CV is as one of the most important wintering areas for waterfowl in North America, annually supporting up to 60% of wintering waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway. It also supports 50% of spring migrating shorebirds in the Pacific Flyway. However, rapid urbanization, conversion of native lands for agricultural production, and

increasing competition for water resources has resulted in the loss of >95% of California's original wetlands, and 98% of its riparian habitat. This proposal supports wetland conservation objectives of the CV Joint Venture (CVJV) to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and associated habitats to support a diversity of migratory birds.

Project Name SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIDELANDS ENHANCEMENT

Congressional District CA-ALAMEDA-17, CA-SAN MATEO-14, CA-SANTA CLARA-18

Grantee Organization CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, STA-CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, LOC-CITY OF PALO ALTO, PRO-H.T. HARVEY & ASSOCIATES, PRO-SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT, INC

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,054,000.00

Joint Venture SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description This project will enhance 3,707 acres of tidal marshes and mudflats at four tracts in San Francisco Bay that have been degraded by invasive grasses, leading to improved habitat function in the marshes, adjacent mudflats, and open bay to benefit waterfowl, shorebirds, and other tidal marsh-dependent and special status species. Project work will benefit 11 waterfowl species, including four High Priority Species, two Other Priority Species, and and five Other Waterfowl Species, as well as 21 wetland-associated migratory birds.

Project Name RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP II

Congressional District VA-CAROLINE-1, VA-ESSEX-1

Grantee Organization THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-THE CONSERVATION FUND, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, CON-THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, FED-U.S. ARMY FORT A.P. HILL, STA-VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES, STA-VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$7,884,900.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

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

Project Description This project will permanently protect 2,823 acres of valuable wetland and buffering uplands and will expand by nearly 5% the protected acreage within the 280,000-acre acquisition boundary of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The Rappahannock, a Global Important Bird Area, is one of the five major rivers that provide 90% of the freshwater to the Chesapeake Bay, which hosts about one-third of all migratory waterfowl wintering on the Atlantic Coast. The coastal ecosystems on each of the project tracts provide the highest habitat values and critical staging areas for six NAWCA High Priority waterfowl species, five NAWCA Other Priority waterfowl species and six other species of waterfowl. Ten NAWCA Priority Species of wetland-dependent migratory birds from BCR 30 will benefit from increased foraging, nesting and roosting habitat. Several other wetland-dependent or wetland associated species will also benefit directly, including five federally listed, threatened or candidate species, and four state listed as endangered.

Project Name PATHFINDER WETLANDS PARTNERSHIP II

Congressional District NE-GARDEN-3, NE-KEITH-3, NE-LINCOLN-3, NE-MORRILL-3, NE-SCOTTS BLUFF-3, WY-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-5 SMOOTH STONES RESTORATION / RIVERSHARED, LOC-CITY OF LARAMIE, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-HIGH PLAINS WEED MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, LOC-LARAMIE RIVERS CONSERVATION DISTRICT, OTH-NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN ASSOCIATION, STA-NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST, STA-NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS COMMISSION, CON-PLATTE RIVER BASIN ENVIRONMENTS, INC., PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, STA-WYOMING GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT, STA-WYOMING WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,130,581.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST, NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS, PLAYA LAKES, RAINWATER BASIN

Bird Conservation Region BCR 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 16-Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau, BCR 17-Badlands and Prairies, BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie, BCR 19-Central Mixed-grass Prairie

Project Description This project protect, restore and enhance high-quality wetlands and associated uplands through fee-title acquisition, conservation easements, invasive species removal, installation of levees, embankments and water control structures, river channel and riparian restoration, and installation of fencing to achieve vegetation conditions favored by waterfowl, shorebirds, and wading birds. Species that will benefit include mallard, Northern pintail, lesser scaup, wood duck, redhead, canvasback, ring-necked duck, American wigeon, and Canada geese, long-billed curlew, marbled godwit, American avocet, American white pelican, and willow flycatcher.

Project Name NORTH DAKOTA DRIFT PRAIRIE VI
Congressional District ND-AT LARGE
Grantee Organization U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
Project Officer Steve Fairbairn

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-AUDUBON DAKOTA, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT, CON-NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,802,138.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description This project will help protect, restore and enhance an ecologically functioning prairie wetland complex in the North Dakota Prairie Drift through perpetual conservation grassland and wetland easements, wetland restoration, grass restoration, and managed grazing systems. The wetlands and associated upland habitats on the leased habitat in this proposal will be open to public activities such as hunting, trapping, bird watching, photography, education and hiking. Private land projects will be open to the public at the discretion of each individual landowner. Ancillary benefits include flood control, water quality maintenance, erosion control, tourism, economic diversity and infrastructure protection.

Project Name MONTANA HI-LINE PRAIRIE WETLAND VIII

Congressional District MT-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,219,800.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description This project will protect some of the most productive wetland and associated grassland habitat in the area through acquisition of perpetual conservation easements, and restore former cropland to grassland and wetland habitat, primarily by implementing grazing systems with benefits to waterfowl and declining grassland birds. These conservation actions, implemented in a biologically sound and cost-effective manner, will greatly benefit populations of waterfowl, shorebirds, other wetland-associated birds, threatened and endangered species, and Montana Species of Greatest

Conservation Need. The depressional wetlands of north-central and northeast Montana are extremely valuable habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wetland-dependent species. NAWCA high priority mallard and Northern Pintail are two of the most abundant waterfowl species breeding in the project area, which also hosts a significant population of Lesser scaup. Many other species of waterfowl use this portion of the Prairie Pothole Region for breeding, including other NAWCA priority species redhead, canvasback, ring-necked duck, and American wigeon.

Project Name MISSOURI COTEAU HABITAT CONSERVATION XVII

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-BASS PRO SHOPS, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,539,306.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description This is phase seventeen of an ongoing project designed to protect wetland and grassland communities using a landscape-level approach to planning and targeting. The grantee will acquire grassland and wetland easements and one fee donated tract in the Missouri Coteau Region of North Dakota to protect 4,054 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. Habitat losses have resulted in declines of many grassland and wetland-dependent birds that depend upon the Prairie Pothole Region for breeding and migratory habitat. Several species of grassland and wetland-dependent birds as well as plants and insects in the area are now listed as federally or state endangered, threatened, proposed, candidate or watch species because of habitat loss. Most of the remaining grassland habitat in the Missouri Coteau is native prairie. These grassland habitats are critically important components of the prairie pothole ecosystem and are largely responsible for maintaining the functions and values of adjacent prairie wetlands.

Project Name MINNESOTA RIVER PRAIRIES II

Congressional District MN-BIG STONE-7, MN-BLUE EARTH-1, MN-BROWN-1, MN-CHIPPEWA-7, MN-COTTONWOOD-1,7, MN-DOUGLAS-7, MN-FARIBAULT-1, MN-FREEBORN-1, MN-GRANT-7, MN-JACKSON-1, MN-KANDIYOHI-7, MN-LAC QUI PARLE-7, MN-LE SUEUR-1, MN-LINCOLN-7, MN-LYON-7, MN-MARTIN-1, MN-MCLEOD-7, MN-MURRAY-7, MN-NICOLLET-1, MN-NOBLES-1, MN-PIPESTONE-7, MN-POPE-7, MN-REDWOOD-7, MN-RENVILLE-7, MN-SIBLEY-7, MN-STEELE-1, MN-STEVENS-7, MN-SWIFT-7, MN-WASECA-1, MN-WATONWAN-1, MN-YELLOW MEDICINE-7

Grantee Organization PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

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Project Country US

Partner Name 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), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$3,962,244.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description The focus of this project is the permanent protection of breeding and migratory waterfowl habitat in priority landscapes that include remnant native prairie, restorable wetlands and grasslands. Fee-title acquisition efforts include wetlands and wetland associated uplands that are critical to breeding waterfowl, as prioritized with the use of decision support tools (e.g. thunderstorm maps). By using the latest science, we can justify, prioritize and target potential purchases from willing sellers. This effort protects and enhances strategic habitat that adds functionality back to the landscape for waterfowl and wetland/grassland wildlife. The Minnesota River basin is within the Prairie Pothole Region and has the potential to produce millions of ducks, including mallards, blue-winged teal, gadwalls, Northern pintails, American wigeon, Northern shovelers, canvasbacks, redheads, ruddy ducks and other waterfowl and water-dependent birds.

Project Name MAINE WETLANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE - NARRAGUAGUS RIVER

Congressional District ME-HANCOCK-2, ME-PENOBSCOT-2

Grantee Organization THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DOWNEAST SALMON FEDERATION, CON-ELLIOTSVILLE PLANTATION, INC, CON-MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE CONSERVATION FUND, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,010,242.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest

Project Description This project will protect 18,739 acres of undeveloped wetlands, river and stream corridors, lake and pond frontage, and surrounding upland buffers in the Narraguagus River watershed to benefit a wide variety of high-priority wildlife species. This project contributes to one of the largest protected areas in the Northeastern United States, a contiguous block of over 2 million acres of conservation easements, public reserve lands, a wilderness waterway, state parks, federal lands and

conservation forestry lands. Recent radar analyses have shown the proposal area is among the three most important areas in the Northeastern US for stopover habitat of migratory landbirds-which have declined by nearly a third in recent years-including over 100 species tied to wetlands and upland habitat types.

Project Name MAINE WETLANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE - KENNEBEC RIVER ESTUARY

Congressional District ME-CUMBERLAND-1, ME-PENOBSCOT-2, ME-SAGadahoc-1

Grantee Organization KENNEBEC ESTUARY LAND TRUST

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-BRUNSWICK-TOPSHAM LAND TRUST, CON-ELLIOTSVILLE PLANTATION, INC, CON-KENNEBEC ESTUARY LAND TRUST, CON-MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST, CON-PHIPPSBURG LAND TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,025,100.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest

Project Description The project will proposal will protect 11,148 acres of undeveloped wetlands, river and stream corridors, saltwater coastline, and surrounding upland buffers in the Kennebec River Estuary to benefit a wide variety of high priority wildlife species. Kennebec Estuary and Merrymeeting Bay is one of the most ecologically significant and ecologically diverse areas in coastal Maine, an unusual, enclosed, inland delta formed by 6 different rivers. Fully one-third of the freshwater in Maine drains into Merrymeeting Bay-one of the largest freshwater tidal bays on the eastern seaboard north of Chesapeake Bay. Protected areas will provide high value waterfowl habitat for 12 documented species of NAWCA High and Priority waterfowl, including exceptional and abundant habitat for American black duck.

Project Name LIVE OAK FARM

Congressional District LA-CAMERON-3, LA-CATAHOULA-5, LA-VERMILION-3

Grantee Organization LAND TRUST FOR LOUISIANA

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-CEMBELL INDUSTRIES, STA-COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, CON-LAND TRUST FOR LOUISIANA, CON-THE CONSERVATION FUND

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$698,900.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,397,800.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST, LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description This project will to secure wetlands habitat in perpetuity for migratory birds and other wetland species through easement acquisition on a farm in Coastal Louisiana. Permanent agricultural and conservation easements over the farm's wetlands and rice fields will prevent conversion of land to industrial development or subdivision for recreation, while ensuring that the producers continue managing the farm in support of agricultural and wildlife purposes. Louisiana's 2017 Coastal Master Plan states that Vermilion Parish faces increased wetland loss over the next 50 years under the medium environmental scenario. With no further coastal protection or restoration actions, the parish could lose an additional 186 square miles, or 17%, of the parish land area.

Project Name LAHONTAN VALLEY - WESTERN NEVADA WETLANDS II

Congressional District NV-CHURCHILL-2, NV-LYON-4

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-BENTLY FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LOC-CARSON CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-FRIENDS OF STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, STA-NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, CON-NEVADA LAND CONSERVANCY, CON-NEVADA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$868,863.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,742,179.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 9-Great Basin

Project Description This project will improve water conveyance and distribution, and provide proper water and vegetation management capabilities to wetland managers, fostering improved management of 3,975 acres of marsh to benefit spring migrating waterfowl, waterbirds, and shorebirds in the region. These same wetlands also support large populations of breeding waterfowl, waterbirds, and shorebird, and provide molting habitat. All project work will occur on federal, state, or privately-owned lands managed specifically for wetlands and the wetland-dependent migratory birds they support. NAWMP-high priority species including Northern pintail, mallard, lesser scaup, and greater scaup; the priority Pacific greater white-fronted goose, Wrangel Island snow goose, redhead, canvasback, ring-necked duck, and American wigeon; and a host of other waterfowl species.

Project Name KANSAS PRAIRIE WETLANDS V

Congressional District KS--1,2,3,4, MO-BATES-4

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name LOC-BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5, LOC-CHEYENNE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT, CON-CHEYENNE COUNTY WILDLIFE, INC, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STA-KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS & TOURISM, CON-NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-RIVERSEDGE WEST

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,545,789.00

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

Project Description The project will enhance, restore, and protect a diversity of habitats for wildlife consisting of mostly palustrine emergent marsh, riverine, and native prairies. These habitats will provide benefits to several federal and state listed species as well as state species of greatest conservation need including whooping cranes, least terns, piping plovers, Arkansas darters, and the northern map turtle. Mallard, Northern pintail, wood duck, king rail, American bittern, Hudsonian godwit and common tern are among common birds that will also benefit.

Project Name JAMES RIVER LOWLANDS / MISSOURI COTEAU X

Congressional District SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-BASS PRO SHOPS, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH & PARKS

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,517,741.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description This is phase ten of a project designed to protect wetland and grassland communities using a landscape level approach to planning in the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture to protect critical habitat for migratory birds. The grantee will acquire grassland and wetland easements in the Missouri Coteau and James River Lowlands Regions of South Dakota to protect 3,044 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. Waterfowl, particularly Northern pintails, will benefit greatly from this project but numerous species of shorebirds, wading birds, marsh birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife species, grassland songbirds and other grassland-dependent wildlife

species will also benefit. Valuable breeding, migration and, for some resident species, wintering habitat will be protected by this project.

Project Name FRESHWATER BAYOU II

Congressional District LA-CAMERON-3, LA-VERMILION-3

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,232,000.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description This project will repair embankments along the Freshwater Bayou Navigation Channel. Geotextile fabric will be used beneath embankment material to ensure hydrologic integrity. Turf reinforced matting, rock riprap, and marsh vegetation plantings will be used to prevent erosion. The project will enhance the hydrologic integrity of the tract and complement other efforts to stabilize the shoreline and prevent erosion of the adjacent marsh. Improved hydrologic integrity and reduced erosion will enhance habitat quality for a variety of wildlife and fish species. Louisiana's coastal wetlands are critical natural resources and the economic driver of the region. Coastal wetlands protect infrastructure from hurricanes, storm surge, support valuable industries including petroleum extraction and commercial fisheries, sustain Louisiana's culture and recreational activities, provide nursery grounds for fish and shellfish, and provide breeding, migration, and wintering habitat for millions of waterfowl and other bird species. However, Louisiana also has the highest coastal wetland loss rate of any state in the U.S., between 25 to 35 square miles a year. Since the 1930s, Louisiana has lost over 1.2 million acres of coastal wetlands and is expected to lose an additional 1.4 million acres over the next 50 years.

Project Name EMBAYED RIVERS INITIATIVE II

Congressional District NC-BERTIE-1, NC-CAMDEN-3, NC-CRAVEN-3, NC-DARE-3, NC-TYRRELL-3, NC-WASHINGTON-1

Grantee Organization NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, STA-NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,115,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description This project will permanently conserve or enhance a diverse suite of wetlands, including bottomland hardwood and cypress-gum swamp, pocosin and/or Atlantic white cedar wetlands, palustrine shrub/scrub, estuarine marsh, and freshwater marsh on, as well as upland pine woods. The Roanoke River basin is recognized by the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture as one of the largest intact bottomland hardwood systems remaining in the Mid-Atlantic region. Habitat for 5 high priority waterfowl species (mallard, American black duck, lesser scaup, greater scaup and northern pintail) and five priority waterfowl species (wood duck, American widgeon, canvasback, redhead, and ring-necked duck) will be conserved or enhanced.

Project Name DELTA NATIONAL FOREST WETLAND ENHANCEMENT

Congressional District LA-MADISON-5, MS-HUMPHREYS-2, MS-SHARKEY-2, MS-TALLAHATCHIE-2, MS-WARREN-2

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, STA-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS, CON-MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$999,997.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,873,113.00

Joint Venture LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley

Project Description This project will protect and enhance 3,178 acres on federal, state and private lands in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) in Louisiana and Mississippi. The ecologically diverse habitats conserved through this proposal include 251 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands and 2,881 acres of protected forested wetlands. This 22 million-acre floodplain extends from the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at Cairo, Illinois, to the northern Gulf of Mexico, with a drainage basin encompassing 41% of the continental U.S. As the center of the Mississippi Flyway, the MAV provides a key spring and fall migration conduit for a vast array of migratory bird species, including waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, and neotropical migrants that breed in the Prairie Pothole and Boreal Forests regions of the U.S. and Canada and use the Gulf Coastal habitats during winter. The project will improve habitat conditions or protect habitat for six NAWCA High Priority waterfowl species, five NAWCA Priority waterfowl species, and 10 other species of waterfowl.

Project Name CONSERVING THE ILLINOIS RIVER LEGACY

Congressional District IL-BROWN-18, IL-BUREAU-16, IL-CALHOUN-13, IL-CASS-18, IL-FULTON-17, IL-

GREENE-13, IL-JERSEY-13, IL-LA SALLE-16, IL-MARSHALL-18, IL-MASON-18, IL-MORGAN-18, IL-PEORIA-17,18, IL-PIKE-18, IL-PUTNAM-16, IL-SCHUYLER-18, IL-SCOTT-18, IL-STARK-16,18, IL-TAZEWELL-17,18, IL-WOODFORD-18

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-FRIENDS OF SANGANOIS, STA-ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY CONSERVATION GROUP, LOC-PEORIA PARK DISTRICT, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, CON-THE WETLANDS INITIATIVE, CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,145,434.00

Joint Venture UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie

Project Description An estimated 90% of historic wetlands in Illinois have been lost, and approximately 44% of the 426,000-acre floodplain of the Illinois River has been drained for agriculture. To address landscape changes, waterfowl, and wetland needs, this project is focused on the protection, restoration, and enhancement of emergent, forested, and submerged aquatic habitat for waterfowl, other migratory birds, other wildlife, fish, and society. The project will benefit numerous waterfowl species, including mallards, Northern pintails, wood ducks, lesser scaup, green-winged teal, and canvasbacks; numerous species of migratory birds, such as cerulean and prothonotary warblers and American woodcock; and other wetland-dependent species, such as the federally endangered Indiana bat and state endangered osprey.

Project Name CAROLINA WETLANDS INITIATIVE VIII

Congressional District NC-CARTERET-3, SC-BERKELEY-1,6, SC-CHARLESTON-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-LORD BERKELEY CONSERVATION TRUST, OTH-MEPKIN ABBEY, INC, CON-NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$3,634,768.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description This project will permanently protect 2,757 acres of wetlands and uplands through

fee acquisition and conservation easements and enhance 177 acres of managed tidal impoundments. These projects lie within two ACJV Waterfowl focus areas [Cooper-Ashley-Wando-Stono (CAWS) Basin and Santee River Focus Areas] and eight focus areas of SAMBI. Fee title acquisition of Tract 1 includes 50 acres of palustrine-forested wetlands, 4 acres of estuarine emergent wetlands and 46 acres of upland longleaf pine habitat. Two conservation easements (Tracts 2 and 3) will perpetually protect 2,312 acres of palustrine-forested wetlands and 345 acres of uplands. The two proposed enhancement projects (Tracts 4 and 5) will improve hydrologic management capabilities on 177 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands in managed tidal impoundments. This project will provide increased foraging capacity and important habitat for pair isolation, thermal refuge and roosting for six NAWCA High Priority waterfowl species, 5 NAWCA Other Priority waterfowl species and 7 other species of waterfowl.

Project Name BAYOU L'OURS MARSH TERRACING II

Congressional District LA-JEFFERSON-1, LA-LAFOURCHE-1, LA-VERMILION-3

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,256,575.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description The project is located within the Barataria and Teche/Vermilion Basins of coastal Louisiana, which have extremely high wetland loss rates according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Since 1932, the Barataria Basin has lost approximately 17% of its wetlands and the Teche/Vermilion Basin has lost 15%. The average rate of loss for Barataria is approximately 5,200-7,100 acres per year and Tech/Vermilion is approximately 650-900 acres per year. The project will preserve wetlands through restoration and enhancement of coastal marshes and a bird-nesting island within these basins. In total, 2,311 acres will be enhanced on private and public lands in coastal Louisiana with benefits to priority migratory birds. The project features of these three tracts will increase foraging, resting, and nesting opportunities for a variety of waterfowl, wading birds, seabirds, shorebirds, and other wetland-dependent birds that regularly use coastal habitats in south Louisiana. Post-construction habitat conditions will include shallow water ponds, algal beds, SAV beds, seasonal mudflats, three types of emergent marsh (intermediate, brackish, and salt), and non-tidal barrier island habitat. The restoration and enhancement work will improve habitat conditions within the project areas through the construction of marsh, protection of wetlands, improvements to water quality, increase in plant diversity and abundance, control of salinity levels, and creation of breeding habitat for colonial seabirds.

Project Name ARKANSAS RIVER WETLANDS CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP
Congressional District CO-BACA-4, CO-BENT-4, CO-CHEYENNE-4, CO-CROWLEY-4, CO-EL PASO-5, CO-ELBERT-4, CO-HUERFANO-3, CO-KIOWA-4, CO-LAS ANIMAS-4, CO-LINCOLN-4, CO-OTERO-4, CO-PROWERS-4, CO-PUEBLO-3
Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED
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Project Country US
Partner Name STA-COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-PLAYA LAKES JOINT VENTURE, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-RIVERSEGE WEST, LOC-SPANISH PEAKS-PURGATOIRE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CON-THE CONSERVATION FUND, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,000.00
Joint Venture PLAYA LAKES
Bird Conservation Region BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie

Project Description The grantee and partners will conserve over 17,000 acres of wetlands and adjacent prairie in the Arkansas River Valley of Colorado through restoration activities and conservation easements. The major threat to the Arkansas Valley's wetlands and the wildlife that depends upon them is two-fold: conversion of native grasslands to row-crop agriculture and subsequent drainage of embedded wetland areas, and reduced habitat quality from invasive species encroachment, namely Tamarisk. Playa wetlands that blanket this landscape and provide critical migratory bird habitat have been compromised by tillage and pitting for livestock watering.

Project Name WETLANDS OF THE CHICKAHOMINY RIVER
Congressional District VA-CHARLES CITY-4, VA-JAMES CITY-1
Grantee Organization VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION
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Project Country US
Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES, STA-VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION, OTH-WRIGHTS ISLAND GAME ASSOCIATION, INC
Date approved 06/19/2019
Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00
Proposed Match Amount \$3,211,500.00
Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST
Bird Conservation Region BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Project Description This project will take place in the Chickahominy River watershed, between Norfolk and Richmond, an area that is facing increasing development. Four tracts totaling 1,574 acres will be placed under easement 78% of which is wetland habitat, including declining palustrine forested and

emergent wetlands. All tracts contain coastline along the Chickahominy River. Wildlife benefitting from the project include mallard, American black duck, gadwall, American wigeon, green-winged teal, Northern pintail, ring-necked duck, bufflehead, bald eagles, ospreys and great blue herons.

Project Name SOUTH DADE WETLANDS EEL PRESERVE ACQUISITION

Congressional District FL-MIAMI-DADE-26

Grantee Organization MIAMI-DADE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LOC-MIAMI-DADE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS, LOC-SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,183,811.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 31-Peninsular Florida

Project Description This project includes protected areas representing almost all of the Greater Everglades habitat types, including globally imperiled pine rockland habitat (of which less than 2% remains outside Everglades National Park), rockland subtropical hardwood hammocks, scrubby flatwoods, and a broad zone of contiguous palustrine and estuarine wetlands. Protected areas in the project area include two national parks, two state parks, a state wildlife management area, a state wildlife environmental area, and a network of county parks and preserves that protect a noted percentage of the remaining pine rocklands and rockland hammocks along with significant amounts of strategically located Everglades prairie and tidally connected salt marsh and mangrove wetlands. Acquisition of over 800 acres of wetlands in the Preserve will support over 234 documented bird species. The Preserve provides important foraging and roosting habitat for large numbers of resident and migratory bird species. The planned enhancement projects will improve hydrology in over 9,000 acres of palustrine emergent and palustrine forested wetlands. Current and future restoration work will remove invasive woody plants that lower diversity in both upland and wetland forest structure.

Project Name NORTH PARK WETLAND CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP II

Congressional District CO-JACKSON-3

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-COLORADO CATTLEMENS AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST, STA-COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, OTH-GATES FAMILY FOUNDATION, STA-GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 06/19/2019

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,000.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 16-Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau

Project Description The project will conserve 6,510 acres of high-quality wildlife habitat in North Park, Colorado. The acres conserved under this Partnership are deemed essential to the characteristic integrity of the wetland complex found in the valley. Over 5,000 acres of these wetlands and associated uplands will be permanently protected. Conservation easements on three large ranches will buffer existing public lands, preserve connectivity of wetland systems and retain the pattern of irrigation that derives so much of the value for wildlife in North Park. Enhancement of an additional 1,421 acres of wet meadow habitats will increase the quality of habitats on private and public lands to the benefit of species foraging and nesting in those areas. Species benefitting include mallards, pintails, lesser scaup, greater sage grouse, greater sandhill cranes and long-billed curlew.