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NECEDAH WATERFOWL REFUGE ESTABLISHED IN WISCONSIN

The Necedah Migratory Waterfowl Refuge in Juneau County, established by recent order of President Roosevelt, will add about 40,500 acres to the purposes of wildlife conservation in central Wisconsin.

This refuge, a section of the 105,000-acre Central Wisconsin Game Project, will be administered by the U. S. Biological Survey. The refuge will be operated as a migratory waterfowl refuge and game management area. Once an excellent forest and wildlife area, this region was stripped of much of its forest cover and its marshes were drained during the land boom between 1900 and 1920.

The new program includes reforestation, restoration of swamp and marsh areas by construction of dams and dikes, improvement of streams, and construction of game shelters and development of feeding grounds. Improvements will also include posting, fencing, and construction of administration service, and equipment buildings.

Construction work already completed by WPA and CCC labor includes wooden and concrete dams, and approximately 27 miles of earth dikes. About 5,000 acres of marsh land have already been developed and over 100,000 aquatic plants set out.

The area is especially suitable for mallards, teal, pintails, and Canada geese. Other wildlife which will benefit under the program includes sharp-tailed and ruffed grouse, prairie chickens, woodcocks, and pheasants. Deer are plentiful, and the area also has foxes, minks, muskrats, and beavers.

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