

Media Alert

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The Blue Goose goes Green

Eco-friendly designs for new buildings have become standard throughout refuges in the Northeast Region. Over the last decade the region has built several green buildings. One received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, and others have received Energy Star designations by the Environmental Protection Agency. These energy-efficient buildings have helped reduce energy consumption in the region by more than 10 percent since 2003.

Northeast Region refuges now feature green designs at:

John Heinz NWR at Tinicum in Philadelphia, Pa.

Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center at Chincoteague NWR in Virginia

Parker River NWR in Newburyport, Mass.

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Rhode Island NWR Complex in Charlestown, R.I.,

A new energy-efficient building at Assabet River NWR will serve the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex as an administration building and visitor center. The complex consists of eight refuges in the Greater Boston area. With \$9.78 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, the Service is building a new 12,500-square-foot energy-efficient building at Wertheim NWR in Shirley, N.Y. It will serve as a visitor center and headquarters for nine refuges on Long Island.