



NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT (NAWCA)

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CYCLE 2025-1 PROJECT SUMMARIES

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**The U.S. Standard grant projects listed below are in Migratory Bird Conservation Commission ranked order.*

WETLANDS OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY V

Project Name: Wetlands of the Sacramento Valley V

Location: CA

Congressional District: 1,3,4

Grantee Organization: California Waterfowl Association

Project Officer: Chadd Santerre

Project Country: US

Partner Name: California Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Waterfowl Association, California Wildlife Conservation Board, Private Contributors

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,585,472.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$2,421,000.00

Joint Venture: Central Valley

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project will allow for a broad, landscape-based approach to habitat improvements on 1,082 (2,832) acres dedicated to migratory waterbirds and other wetland dependent wildlife within 1 of the 5 priority basins of the Central Valley Joint Venture. There will be 242 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands and 70 acres of associated nesting cover habitat restored. Enhancements will provide improvements to 667 (2,811) acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, and 103 (21) acres of associated uplands. This project will contribute directly to Central Valley Joint Venture's habitat objectives by providing increased fall/spring staging, foraging, and breeding resources for waterbirds such as Pacific Greater White-fronted Goose, Northern Pintail, Western Canada Goose, Bullock's Oriole, and Black Tern. Close to half of this project area involves state-owned properties providing public opportunities such as hiking, birding, hunting, and fishing.

TEXAS CHENIER PLAIN VI

Project Name: Texas Chenier Plain VI

Location: TX

Congressional District: 14

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Kevin Hartke

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC, Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,038,339.00

Joint Venture: Gulf Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will enhance and perpetually protect 2,110 (1,759) acres of decreasing wetland types and other critical wetlands and coastal habitats in the Texas Chenier Plain Initiative Area of the Gulf Coast Joint Venture. These habitats are important for both migratory and resident bird populations, such as Mottled Duck, Cinnamon Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Redhead, and Black Skimmer along the western Gulf Coast of Mexico. The project will support management and conservation of multiple habitats that support foraging, roosting/resting, pair bonding, nesting, rearing of young, and molting for multiple species of birds. Acquisition will include state lands that provide public access for outdoor recreation activities such as hunting and education events.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA PRAIRIE WETLANDS III

Project Name: Southern Minnesota Prairie Wetlands III

Location: MN

Congressional District: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Grantee Organization: Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Project Officer: Sabin Adams

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources, Pheasants Forever, Inc., Private Contributors, Three Rivers Park District

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$8,533,200.00

Joint Venture: Prairie Pothole, Upper Mississippi River-Greatlakes

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 12-Boreal Hardwood Transition, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description: This project will protect, restore, and enhance prairie wetlands and associated upland habitats to benefit wildlife in Southern Minnesota. Long-standing and new partners will acquire fee title and easement of 1,536.2 acres, restore 753.2(10) and enhance 2826.9 acres for a total of 5116.3 acres of habitat crucial to waterfowl such as Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Gadwall, and Northern Shoveler. Fee title acquisitions will be implemented into U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Waterfowl Production Areas and Minnesota's Wildlife Management Areas to focus on building upon existing wetland complexes managed for hunting, birding, fishing, and hiking opportunities.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA MARSH ENHANCEMENT III

Project Name: Southeast Louisiana Marsh Enhancement III

Location: LA

Congressional District: 1,3

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority of Louisiana, Conoco Phillips, Ducks Unlimited, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, Lafourche Parish Government, Little Lake Hunting Club LLC, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$7,704,507.00

Joint Venture: GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will enhance 4,000 acres of coastal wetlands and help offset Louisiana's dramatic coastal wetland loss within these basins, providing quality habitat for wetland dependent wildlife including numerous bird species such as Mottled Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Bufflehead, Wilson's Plover, Reddish Egret, and Western Sandpiper. There will be 750 acres of brackish coastal marsh and 1,400 acres of saline coastal marsh enhanced. The project will improve habitat conditions and marsh productivity that could result in increased recreational fishing yields, bird abundance/diversity for wildlife observers within Marsh Island National Wildlife Refuge, and waterfowl abundance to benefit hunters in the Teche/Vermillion Basin.

SOUTH ATLANTIC WETLANDS & WILDLANDS II

Project Name: South Atlantic Wetlands & Wildlands II

Location: GA, SC

Congressional District: GA - 1, SC - 1,6,7

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Emily Purcell

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Pee Dee Land Trust, Private Contributors, South Carolina Conservation Bank, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Wetlands America Trust

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,512,989.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$5,026,978.00

Joint Venture: Atlantic Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project is the second iteration of the South Atlantic Wetlands and Wildlands series, an ongoing collaborative effort to preserve and enhance diverse and wild habitats throughout the Coastal Plain of South Carolina and Georgia. The projects will result in the permanent protection and enhancement of a total of 2,521 acres within 6 focus areas such as Pee Dee Watershed, CAWS Basin, Ceylon WMA, ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge and Wateree Heritage Preserve. A variety of bird and water dependent species will benefit by this project, including American Black Duck, Lesser Scaup, Redhead, Eastern Black Rail, Atlantic Shortnose Sturgeon, and Frosted Flatwoods Salamander.

SC RESILIENT WETLAND LANDSCAPES

Project Name: SC Resilient Wetland Landscapes

Location: SC

Congressional District: 1,7

Grantee Organization: Open Space Institute

Project Officer: Maria Whitehead

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Knobloch Family Foundation, Open Space Institute, Pee Dee Land Trust, South Carolina Conservation Bank, South Carolina Office Of Resilience, The Nature Conservancy

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$11,000,000.00

Joint Venture: Atlantic Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project will acquire fee title to 2,570 acres and acquire over 4,965 acres of conservation easements in the South Carolina Coastal Zone project area. The tracts include: 3,965 acres of palustrine forested wetland, 1,223 acres of estuarine-vegetated wetland (salt marsh), 217 acres of tidal creeks, and 185 acres of palustrine emergent wetland (including historic rice fields). Acquisitions will ensure long-term habitat conservation to benefit migratory birds like the American Black Duck, Lesser Scaup, Northern Pintail, Mottled Duck, Hooded Merganser, and Swallow-tailed Kite. One acquisition will expand South Carolina Department of Natural Resource's Wetlands Management Area program and provide public hunting, fishing, canoeing, and wildlife watching.

PERMANENT FEE PROTECTION FOR MAINE WETLANDS

Project Name: Permanent Fee Protection for Maine Wetlands

Location: ME

Congressional District: 1,2

Grantee Organization: Northeast Wilderness Trust

Project Officer: Nathaniel Williams

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Elliotsville Foundation, Inc., Maine Coast Heritage Trust, O'Reilly's Cure, Private Contributors, Scarborough Land Trust

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,386,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,772,692.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest, BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Project Description: This project will result in permanent fee protection of 5 acquisitions, totaling 3,817.2 acres within the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. Those acquisitions will permanently protect 2,258.1 acres of productive freshwater and intertidal wetlands, buffered by 1,559.1 acres of mostly wooded, intact upland habitat in low disturbance landscapes with high levels of connectivity and existing conservation. This project area will be open to public opportunities such as hiking/walking, picnicking, wildlife observation and snowshoeing. This project will protect habitats that will specifically support Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's flagship species, the American Black Duck, as well as other bird species that include Long-tailed Duck, Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, and Canada Warbler.

MID-ATLANTIC BLACKWATERS & BAYS III

Project Name: Mid-Atlantic Blackwaters & Bays III

Location: NC, VA

Congressional District: NC - 1,3, VA - 1,2,4,5

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Emily Purcell

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, James M. Cox Foundation, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, Private Contributors, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, Virginia Outdoors Foundation

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,999,957.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,065,820.00

Joint Venture: Atlantic Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain, BCR 29-Piedmont, BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 3,524 acres and enhance 365 acres of wetlands and associated uplands in coastal North Carolina and Virginia. Protection activities include fee-title acquisition and five permanent conservation easements on properties along tributaries of the rivers of the Chesapeake Bay, and 1 conservation easement adjacent to Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in North Carolina. Enhancement activities include improvements to 365 acres of wetland habitat on Charlotte State Forest and a privately-owned property. Once the planned improvements have been implemented, both properties will provide high-quality habitat to waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, and other wetland dependent wildlife such as Northern Pintail, American Black Duck, Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, Rusty Blackbird, and Lesser Yellowlegs.

MAINE WETLANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (MWCI) IV

Project Name: Maine Wetlands Conservation Initiative (MWCI) IV

Location: ME

Congressional District: 1,2

Grantee Organization: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Project Officer: Bob DeForrest

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Elliotsville Foundation, Inc, Forest Society of Maine, Land for Maine's Future, Private Contributors, Western Foothills Land Trust

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$873,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$1,746,001.00

Joint Venture: Atlantic Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest, BCR 30-New England/Mid-Atlantic Coast

Project Description: This project will permanently protect diverse, high-quality habitats in the Gulf of Maine region, one of the world's most biologically productive ecosystems. The acquisitions will permanently protect critical habitat bordering protected areas such as Sunhaze National Wildlife Refuge and provide public opportunities such as wildlife observation, birdwatching, and hiking. There will be 250.9 acres of relatively undisturbed wetlands such as coastal salt marsh, palustrine emergent, and palustrine forested, 13.2 acres of stable wetlands such as non-tidal riverine and estuarine subtidal and 143.8 acres of increasing wetlands such as palustrine shrub, palustrine pond, intertidal mudflats, and intertidal rocky shore benefitting from this project. Approximately 1,632.2 acres of associated upland buffer habitat, including 78% of upland acres within 250 meters of mapped wetlands, will limit wildlife disturbance and support upland-dependent species such as Saltmarsh Sparrow. Other migratory bird species that will benefit from this project are Common Eider, American Black Duck, Harlequin Duck, and Purple Sandpiper.

KANSAS PRAIRIE WETLANDS XIII

Project Name: Kansas Prairie Wetlands XIII

Location: CO, KS, MO

Congressional District: CO - 4, KS - 1,2,3,4, MO - 4

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Matthew Hough

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, Farwide Conservation Trust, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, Mule Deer Foundation, Private Contributors, Star Seed, Inc, The Nature Conservancy

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,960,000.00

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: This project includes 9 tracts that will protect, restore, and enhance 4,038 (2,698) acres of wetlands and associated grassland habitats, many of which will have perpetual benefits in providing public opportunities such as birdwatching, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. The importance of this project is highlighted by 1,848 acres of permanent protection around Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, 3,519-acres of wetlands that will be conserved, and the engagement of 28 partners, 16 of which are new, that have pledged their support to habitat conservation in Kansas. Bird species that will benefit from this project include Northern Pintail, Trumpeter Swan, Gadwall, Greater Scaup, and Semipalmated Sandpiper.

IOWA DES MOINES LOBE WETLAND INITIATIVE IV

Project Name: Iowa Des Moines Lobe Wetland Initiative IV

Location: IA

Congressional District: 1,2,3,4

Grantee Organization: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Project Officer: Kelly Smith

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board, Ducks Unlimited, Grundy County Conservation Board, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, JB Holland Construction, Inc., Lincoln Savings Bank, Pheasants Forever (Grundy County), Polk County Conservation Board, Private Contributors

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,073,455.00

Joint Venture: Prairie Pothole

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie

Project Description: This project is a conservation partnership that will protect, restore, and enhance 1,932.7 acres of critical wetland and migratory bird habitat throughout Iowa's Prairie Pothole Region. The project is also an important part of a major migration corridor for Lesser Scaup and other waterbirds that move north from the Central Mississippi River to the Prairie Pothole Region and other breeding grounds to the north and west. The project includes restoration and enhancement projects on a number of large and small marshes, providing important wetland habitats for migratory waterbird species such as Northern Pintail, American Black Duck, and Canvasback.

HEART OF THE BIG RIVERS II

Project Name: Heart Of the Big Rivers II

Location: IL, KY, MO

Congressional District: IL - 12,13,15, KY - 1, MO - 2,3,8

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Dane Cramer

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Apex Clean Energy, Arbor Day Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, Phillips 66 Company, Private Contributors

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,035,535.00

Joint Venture: Central Hardwoods, Lower Mississippi Valley, Upper Mississippi River-Greatlakes

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 24-Central Hardwoods, BCR 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley

Project Description: This project will take place along the Mississippi River from its confluence with the Illinois and Missouri Rivers north of St. Louis, Missouri to its confluence with the Ohio River at Cairo, Illinois and across the top of the Mississippi Alluvial Valley in Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. This area is a major corridor of the Mississippi Flyway and spans three Joint Ventures, Upper Mississippi/Great Lakes, Central Hardwoods, and Lower Mississippi Valley. A total of 911 acres will be protected through acquisition in Illinois and Missouri. Some of those acquisitions will eventually be included into the Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Middle Mississippi River NWR, and/or Cypress Creek NWR to protect critical habitat such as bottomland forest. A total of 4,524 acres will be restored and enhanced to improve water quality and habitat on National Wildlife Refuges and adjacent protected areas to benefit NAWCA bird priorities species such as American Black Duck, Prothonotary Warbler, Mid-continent Lesser Snow Goose, and Green-winged Teal.

HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PRAIRIE POTHOLE II

Project Name: Habitat Improvements of The Prairie Pothole II

Location: MN

Congressional District: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8

Grantee Organization: Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Project Officer: Sabin Adams

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, Kandiyohi County Soil & Water Conservation District, Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources, Pheasants Forever, Inc., Private Contributors

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$8,523,800.00

Joint Venture: Prairie Pothole

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 12-Boreal Hardwood Transition, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition, BCR 6-Boreal Taiga Plains

Project Description: This project will acquire 1,344.5 acres, restore 903.9 acres, and enhance 2,127.9 acres of wetland and prairie upland habitats within the Prairie Pothole Region of Minnesota. Acquisition will build upon existing wetland habitat complexes. Restoration and enhancement accomplishments will improve the quality of habitat for breeding and migratory waterfowl. These prairie wetlands are particularly important for migratory waterfowl species, such as Lesser Scaup, Trumpeter Swan, American Wigeon, Franklin's Gull, and Willet.

CHENIER PLAIN MARSH ENHANCEMENT II

Project Name: Chenier Plain Marsh Enhancement II

Location: LA

Congressional District: 3

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Private Contributors, Vermillion Corporation

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$6,311,448.00

Joint Venture: Gulf Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will protect and enhance 11,709 (5,270) acres of wetlands that directly address conservation needs within the Louisiana portion of the Gulf Coast Joint Venture's Chenier Plain Initiative Area. Wetland enhancement and protection in this region will help offset Louisiana's coastal wetland loss. Vulnerable freshwater marshes will be protected from prolonged inundation and conversion to open water, providing valuable brood rearing and molting habitat, especially for Mottled Ducks. Brackish marsh will be enhanced for waterfowl usage by maintaining consistent shallow water wetlands to provide foraging, resting, and brood rearing opportunities for wetland dependent bird species such as Northern Pintail. This project will benefit other priority migratory birds such as American Golden-Plover, King Rail, Long-billed Curlew and Gull-billed Tern.

CHASE LAKE AREA WETLAND PROJECT XVI

Project Name: Chase Lake Area Wetland Project XVI

Location: ND

Congressional District: AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Project Officer: Scott McLeod

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Ducks Unlimited, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, Private Contributors

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$1,625,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$2,151,741.00

Joint Venture: Prairie Pothole

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description: This project lies in the heart of the Prairie Pothole Region and Prairie Pothole Joint Venture area in North Dakota. Approximately 3,534.6 acres of native grasslands and 591 acres of wetlands will be secured as perpetual conservation easements and 4,175 acres of managed grazing systems in grassland habitat will be maintained and enhanced as upland nesting habitat. Birds that will benefit from the success of this project include Northern Pintail, Mid-continent Lesser Snow Goose, Lesser Scaup, and American Wigeon.

CENTRAL FLYWAY MIGRATION CORRIDOR VI

Project Name: Central Flyway Migration Corridor VI

Location: NE

Congressional District: 1,2,3

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Ele Nugent

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Cargill, Inc., Ducks Unlimited, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Platte Valley Weed Management Area, Rainwater Basin Joint Venture, Twin Valley Weed Management Area

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$3,010,405.00

Joint Venture: Playa Lakes, Rainwater Basin, Upper Mississippi River-Greatlakes

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie, BCR 19-Central Mixed-grass Prairie, BCR 22-Eastern Tallgrass Prairie

Project Description: This project includes 5 tracts that will protect, restore, and enhance a total of 3,003 (3,222) acres of wetlands and associated grassland habitats in the "bottleneck" of the Central Flyway in Nebraska. This will involve a diverse assemblage of habitat projects across multiple landscapes that combine to form one the most important stopover and staging areas to benefit species such as Northern Pintail, American Black Duck, and Mallard.

CEDAR-WAPSI VALLEY WETLANDS V

Project Name: Cedar-Wapsi Valley Wetlands V

Location: IA

Congressional District: 1,2,4

Grantee Organization: Farwide Conservation Trust

Project Officer: Steve Donovan

Project Country: US

Partner Name: Clinton County Conservation Board, Custom Dozing, Dubuque County Conservation Society, Ducks Unlimited, Eastern Iowa Conservation Foundation, Farwide Conservation Trust, Franklin County Conservation Board, Grand Mound Sportsmen's Club, Iowa Department Of Natural Resources, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Jones County Community Foundation, Jones County Conservation Board, Linn County Conservation Board, McQuillen Law Office, Mississippi Valley Sportsmen, National Wild Turkey Federation, Nellie Stege Trust, Pheasants Forever, Inc., Private Contributors, Tc Energy, Whitetails Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited Cedar Rapids Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited Clinton County Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited Lisbon Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited Maquoketa Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited Wapsi Bottoms Chapter

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,297,505.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$4,595,126.00

Joint Venture: Prairie Pothole, Upper Mississippi River-Greatlakes

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

Project Description: This project represents the next phase of a long-term project to protect and restore a total of 1,106 (125) acres of important wildlife habitat in the Cedar and Wapsipinicon Rivers landscape in northeast Iowa, including critically important habitats along the Mississippi River. Approximately 648 acres of wetlands and 458 acres of upland habitats will be acquired, restored, or enhanced. Wetland acres include emergent marsh, forested wetlands, riverine wetland habitats and shrub-scrub wetlands. Acquisitions will provide public recreational opportunities such as bird watching, hiking, and fishing. Some birds that will benefit from this project include Mallard, Lesser Scaup, and Mid-continent Lesser Snow Goose.

CAROLINA WETLANDS & WATERSHEDS I

Project Name: Carolina Wetlands & Watersheds I

Location: NC, SC

Congressional District: NC- 3,7, SC - 7

Grantee Organization: Ducks Unlimited

Project Officer: Emily Purcell

Project Country: US

Partner Name: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Open Space Institute, Private Contributors, South Carolina Conservation Bank, Wetlands America Trust

Date approved: 09/10/2024

Grant Award Amount: \$2,994,759.00

Proposed Match Amount: \$5,989,518.00

Joint Venture: Atlantic Coast

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project is the first iteration of a series of projects aimed at conserving the unique and biodiverse wetlands located across priority watersheds in coastal North Carolina and South Carolina. This project will protect and enhance important ecological systems along critical coastline, which will occur through the fee-title acquisition of 3 tracts in coastal North and South Carolina, the easement acquisition of 1 tract in coastal South Carolina, and the enhancement of public game lands in North Carolina. This project will contribute to conservation goals by helping to sustain populations of waterfowl, shorebirds, and other waterbirds such as American Woodcock, Northern Parula, and American Black Duck.