



NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT (NAWCA)

CYCLE 2026-2 PROJECT SUMMARIES

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FY2026-2 CANADA PROJECTS

Project Name: WETLAND CONSERVATION IN THE LOWER GREAT LAKES/ST. LAWRENCE PLAIN PRIORITY REGION

Location (Province): ON-ONTARIO, QC-QUEBEC

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: Howie Singer

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA, ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION & PARKS

Grant Award Amount: \$7,800,000.00

Match Amount: \$7,800,000.00

Joint Venture: EASTERN HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region: BCR 13-Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain

Project Description: This project will protect, restore, enhance, and manage wetlands and associated uplands across the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture: region of Ontario and Québec. It will secure 1,055 acres through fee acquisition, permanently protect 80 acres via conservation easements, restore 35 (240) acres, enhance 792 (700) acres, and manage (1,055) acres. These actions will strengthen habitat for priority waterfowl, including American Black Duck, Mallard, Wood Duck, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Common Eider, by expanding habitat availability, improving wetland function, and supporting brood rearing, staging, and migration needs. By improving breeding and migration habitat in Canada, the project helps sustain waterfowl populations that migrate through the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, and Atlantic Flyway, benefiting hunting, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, and outdoor recreation in both Canada and the United States.

Project Name: WETLAND CONSERVATION IN THE ATLANTIC NORTHERN FOREST PRIORITY REGION OF CANADA

Location (Providence): NB-NEW BRUNSWICK, NS-NOVA SCOTIA, PE-PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, QC-QUEBEC

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: Howie Singer

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Grant Award Amount: \$3,200,000.00

Match Amount: \$3,200,000.00

Joint Venture: EASTERN HABITAT

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 940 acres through fee acquisition and 20 acres through conservation easements, restore 65 acres, enhance 319.5 (507.3) acres, and manage (101.4) acres of wetlands and associated uplands in the Atlantic Northern Forest region of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, Canada. These conservation actions will benefit priority waterfowl species, including American Black Duck, Mallard, Wood Duck, Common and Barrow's Goldeneye, and Common Eider by improving breeding, brood-rearing, migration, and wintering habitats, while also supporting other wetland-associated species and species at risk. By increasing habitat availability and quality in key breeding, staging, and wintering areas, the project will help sustain waterfowl populations that support hunting, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, and related outdoor recreation in the United States.

Project Name: POTHOLE PLUS 2026

Location (Providence): MB-MANITOBA

Grantee Organization: MANITOBA HABITAT CONSERVANCY

Project Officer: Roald Stander

Partner Name: DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE
CANADA, MANITOBA HABITAT CONSERVANCY

Grant Award Amount: \$2,026,000.00

Match Amount: \$2,026,000.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 39.9 acres through fee simple acquisition and 5,282.2 acres through conservation easements. These wetlands and associated upland habitats across the Prairie Habitat Joint Venture: Target Landscapes in Manitoba, Canada are known for producing the vast majority of North America's ducks, through a mosaic of wetlands interspersed with grassed upland habitat. Conserving breeding habitat for migratory species such as mallard, norther pintail, gadwall, blue-winged teal, northern shoveler, redhead and canvasback, will improve public benefits for waterfowl hunters in the United States across the Mississippi Flyway.

Project Name: BRITISH COLUMBIA: WETLAND ASSOCIATED MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT
CONSERVATION

Location (Providence:) BC-BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Project Officer: Courtney Gregg

Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN NATURE (AFCN), THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA, WYSS FOUNDATION

Grant Award Amount: \$2,800,000.00

Match Amount: \$2,800,000.00

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN, PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 5-Northern Pacific Rainforest

Project Description: This project will advance wetland conservation across priority landscapes in British Columbia, Canada by permanently protecting through fee acquisition 4,689 acres of vulnerable wetland and wetland associated habitat and restoring (20.63) acres. These conservation activities will provide benefits for a myriad of migratory waterfowl and other wetland-associated species such as Northern Shoveler, Mallard, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, Cinnamon teal, Green-winged teal, Trumpeter Swan, Townsend's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Willow Flycatcher, and Rufous Hummingbird, which will translate into improved hunting and birdwatching opportunities in the United States.

Project Name: CONSERVATION OF WETLANDS AND ASSOCIATED UPLANDS IN THE PHVJ REGION

Location (Province): AB-ALBERTA, BC-BRITISH COLUMBIA, MB-MANITOBA, SK-SASKATCHEWAN

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: Howie Singer

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA, THE WESTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Grant Award Amount: \$45,800,000.00

Match Amount: \$45,800,000.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 11-Prairie Potholes, BCR 6-Boreal Taiga Plains

Project Description: This project will permanently conserve 7,600 acres through fee simple acquisition and 17,808 (4,452) acres through conservation easements, while restoring 90,000 (3,040) acres and enhancing 34,901 (24,549) acres of wetland and upland habitat across the Prairie Pothole Region and the Boreal Plains Ecozone of Canada's Western Boreal Forest. These landscapes support nearly half of the continent's population objectives for Mallard and Northern Pintail, and significant portions of objectives for Blue winged Teal, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, and Canvasback. By conserving, restoring, and enhancing habitat at a landscape scale, the project strengthens populations of waterfowl and other migratory birds that move into the United States, supporting long standing recreational opportunities such as hunting, hiking, and birdwatching.

Project Name: CONSERVATION OF WETLANDS AND ASSOCIATED UPLANDS IN THE CIJV REGION

Location (Providence): BC-BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: Howie Singer

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Grant Award Amount: \$6,300,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,300,000.00

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 9-Great Basin

Project Description: This project will restore (1,855) acres and enhance an additional 380 (687) acres of high-quality wetland and associated habitats in the Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture: region of British Columbia. Spanning several key basins, the work will benefit a wide range of species, including Mallard, American Wigeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Black Tern, Sandhill Crane, American White Pelican, and multiple grebe species. By improving and sustaining habitat during critical life stages in Canada, the project also supports migratory bird populations that move south into the United States, helping to maintain strong opportunities for hunting, birdwatching, and wildlife viewing.

Project Name: BRITISH COLUMBIA PBHJV AND CIJV WETLAND BIRD HABITAT ACQUISITION

Location (Province): BC-BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE TRUST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Project Officer: Bryn White

Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN CONSERVATION, THE NATURE TRUST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grant Award Amount: \$5,136,000.00

Match Amount: \$5,136,000.00

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN, PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 5-Northern Pacific Rainforest, BCR 9-Great Basin

Project Description: This project will permanently protect 1,752 acres of freshwater wetlands, agricultural land, and riparian forests in British Columbia, focusing on the East Fraser Lowlands and the internationally recognized Columbia Wetlands along the Pacific Flyway. These habitats support Canada's highest densities of wintering waterfowl, benefiting species such as Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Northern Pintail, Trumpeter Swan, and American Wigeon. Protected lands will remain publicly accessible under management plans designed to maintain ecological integrity. By conserving key migratory bird habitat in Canada, the project also strengthens bird populations that migrate to the United States, improving opportunities for hunting and birdwatching.

FY2026-2 MEXICO PROJECTS

Project Name: WETLANDS RESTORATION AT LAGUNA DE TERMINOS NATURAL PROTECTED AREA, CAMPECHE

Location (State): CAM-CAMPECHE

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C.

Project Officer: Gabriela de la Fuente

Partner Name: COOPERATIVA LOS DIAMANTES DEL ATLANTICO S.C. DE R.L. DE C.V., DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C., EJIDO ATASTA, LOC-EJIDO SABANCUY

Grant Award Amount: \$874,583.00

Match Amount: \$976,780.00

Project Description: This project will temporarily protect approximately 114,835 acres of wetlands, restore hydrology across approximately 19,488 acres of palustrine wetlands and approximately 3,219 acres of mangrove swamps, and train 100 local teachers to support long term stewardship. It will also repair damaged hydrology, reopen natural waterways, and rebuild storm impacted mangrove forests. Together, these efforts will reconnect fragmented wetlands, enhance water flow, boost biodiversity, and ensure this critical region continues to serve as a refuge for birds and wildlife.

Project Name: WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT AT YAVAROS BAYHEAD DELTA, SONORA

Location (State): SON-SONORA

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C.

Project Officer: Gabriela de la Fuente

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C., LOC-EJIDO UNIFICACION CAMPESINA

Grant Award Amount: \$572,153.00

Match Amount: \$577,499.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project will enhance 496 acres of intertidal wetlands in Yavaros Bay in Mexico, an important wintering area for waterfowl and shorebirds, by restoring the natural hydroperiod, improving freshwater and brackish water distribution through new moist soil management units, and stabilizing adjacent dunes to reduce sediment deposition. It will also protect 7,114 acres of coastal wetlands for at least 10 years through conservation agreements with local Ejidos. Habitat improvements will be evaluated through productivity, species composition, and bird abundance. To strengthen long term stewardship, the project will train 100 local teachers to incorporate wetland and watershed conservation into classroom.

Project Name: WATERSHED-SCALE WETLAND CONSERVATION IN LAGUNA DE SANTIAGUILLO, DURANGO

Location (State): DGO-DURANGO

Grantee Organization: PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C.

Project Officer: Salvador Narváez Torres

Partner Name: COMISION NACIONAL FORESTAL (CONAFOR), COMITE ACTIVO DE LA CUENCA DE SANTIAGUILLO, A.C., PINACEAS, A.C., PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C., SECRETARIA DE RECURSOS NATURALES Y MEDIO AMBIENTE (SRNYMA), SECRETARIA DE TURISMO DEL ESTADO DE DURANGO (SETUED), UNIVERSIDAD JUAREZ DEL ESTADO DE DURANGO (UJED)

Grant Award Amount: \$752,424.00

Match Amount: \$968,791.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project will conserve and restore the Santiaguillo Lagoon watershed, an important stopover for more than 47,000 migratory waterbirds, by protecting 6,995 acres through conservation agreements, enhancing 6,715 acres of runoff sites in the basin through the construction of soil works and conservation actions, and managing 2,321 acres through advancing sustainable livestock management. The project also includes winter monitoring of waterfowl and shorebirds, pollutant bioaccumulation assessments, expanded environmental education, nature-based tourism efforts, and the creation of three Wildlife Management Units. Together, these actions address aquifer overuse, pollution, and habitat degradation, helping maintain the lagoon's hydrological function. Because many species that rely on Santiaguillo migrate to the United States, these improvements also support healthier U.S. bird populations and enhance recreation such as birdwatching and waterfowl hunting.

Project Name: TECHNOLOGY AT THE SERVICE OF LARGE-SCALE WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION II

Location (State): VER-VERACRUZ

Grantee Organization: RED DE VIVEROS DE BIODIVERSIDAD A.C.

Project Officer: Aníbal Farabundo Ramírez Soto

Partner Name: EJIDO EL SALADITO, EJIDO VILLA DE TLACOTALPAN, RED DE VIVEROS DE BIODIVERSIDAD A.C., SOCIEDAD COOPERATIVA LA CANDELARIA S.C. DE R.L., SOCIEDAD COOPERATIVA OSTIONEROS DE SALADERO S.C. DE R.L., TIERRA VITAL SPR DE RL, TLACOTALPAN MUNICIPALITY, UNIVERSIDAD VERACRUZANA

Grant Award Amount: \$800,000.00

Match Amount: \$1,258,866.00

Project Description: This project strengthens previous NAWCA investments by securing 43,274 acres of priority wetlands, managing an additional 247 acres, and enhancing/restoring hydrological function across 11,223 acres through 11.5 miles of flow circuit rehabilitation. These

wetlands provide essential wintering, feeding, and stopover habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, waterbirds, and wetland dependent landbirds.

Project Name: RESTORATION OF DEGRADED MANGROVE IN THE ALVARADO LAGOON SYSTEM, VERACRUZ

Location (State): VER-VERACRUZ

Grantee Organization: BLUEMX MANGROVE, A.C.

Project Officer: José Luis García Falmer

Partner Name: CON-BUEMX MANGROVE, A.C.

Grant Award Amount: \$408,396.00

Match Amount: \$504,606.00

Project Description: This project will protect 1,052 acres of wetland and mangrove habitat within the El Vitillo Conservation Area of the Alvarado Lagoon System and restore 464 acres of heavily degraded mangroves through hydrologic rehabilitation, raised planting plots, firebreaks, and large-scale reforestation. An additional 588 acres will be improved by clearing and desilting natural tidal channels to recover hydrological connectivity and restore healthy hydroperiods. With the participation of 200 people, the project will contribute to improving the availability

and quality of feeding, resting, temporary shelter and movement habitats for priority species of migratory birds associated with wetlands.

Project Name: RESTORATION OF COASTAL WETLANDS FOR PRIORITY MBS IN CHICXULUB, YUCATAN, PHASE II

Location (State): YUC-YUCATAN

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C.

Project Officer: Gabriela de la Fuente

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C., PRODUNA CHUBURNA, SERVICIOS ECOTURISTICOS YUC-SISAL S.C.

Grant Award Amount: \$424,893.00

Match Amount: \$639,770.00

Project Description: The project considers the hydrological restoration of 1,407 ha / 3,476 acres of coastal wetlands affected by the modification of the hydrology by an embankment road that connects the inland with the coastal town of Chicxulub, including 100 has/247 acres of degraded mangrove swamps. The north coast of Yucatán hosts roughly 268,000 waterfowl and more than 51,000 shorebirds each year, including 80% of North America's Blue winged Teal and

nearly all Gulf shorebird species, while also sustaining the only continental population of American Flamingo. Strengthening these wintering and stopover habitats is vital for maintaining healthy migratory bird populations that travel to the United States.

Project Name: LONG-TERM PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT IN COMPLEJO LAGUNAR SAN QUINTIN

Location (State): BCN-BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE

Grantee Organization: TERRA PENINSULAR, A.C.

Project Officer: Fernando Ramón Gavito Pérez

Partner Name: MARISLA FOUNDATION, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), TERRA PENINSULAR, A.C.

Grant Award Amount: \$250,000.00

Match Amount: \$330,076.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project advances long-term conservation of 93,247 (2,940) acres of priority wetlands and coastal habitats in the Complejo Laguna San Quintín by developing the foundation needed for its designation as a federal Biosphere Reserve. It will create a financial sustainability plan, establish an Avi tourism route, deliver specialized training, and assess eelgrass habitat conditions across the reserve, including implementing a monitoring protocol on 178 acres of eelgrass beds. Additionally, collaboration with oyster producers, and local parties

will carry out habitat enhancement actions on areas of the bay within an impact area of 2778 acres. At a broader scale, the project will also develop a regional action plan for ducks and geese and establish a standardized waterfowl monitoring network across 21 coastal lagoons spanning more than 914,000 acres, supporting conservation of 204 migratory bird species throughout northwestern Mexico. By sustaining migration, wintering, and staging functions at regional scales, the project will directly benefit priority bird populations in the United States and enhance recreational opportunities for hunters and birdwatchers.

Project Name: INTEGRATED WETLAND ENHANCEMENT FOR WATERFOWL AND SHOREBIRD CONSERVATION

Location (State): TAMPS-TAMAULIPAS

Grantee Organization: PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C.

Project Officer: Carlos Barriga Vallejo

Partner Name: ASESORIA TAMAULIPECA S.C. (ASETAM), CONSULTORIA Y DISTRIBUIDORA ESPECIALIZADA DE TAMAULIPAS S.C., PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C.

Grant Award Amount: \$793,871.00

Match Amount: \$1,585,539.00

Joint Venture: RIO GRANDE

Project Description: This project will enhance approximately 16,618 acres through the recovery of an oyster reef, community beach cleanups, rehabilitation of priority wetlands, installation of preventive signage, stabilization of coastal dunes, and implementation of measures to control soil and beach erosion in mangrove areas. It will also conserve around 4,940 acres through conservation agreements, conduct an acoustic monitoring and biodiversity assessment, complete a bird, marine species, and seagrass monitoring program, install MOTUS antennas, conduct water quality monitoring, among other educational activities. These actions improve vital habitats in Laguna Madre and the Delta del Río Bravo, which support 15% of the wintering

migratory birds from the United States and Canada, including Redheads, Northern Pintails, and many shorebird and waterfowl species.

Project Name: INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FOR MEXICANOS AND BUSTILLOS LAGOONS, PHASE III

Location (State): CHIH-CHIHUAHUA

Congressional District

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C.

Project Officer: Gabriela de la Fuente de León

Partner Name: ASOCIACION DE FRUTICULTORES DE CUSIHUIRIACHI, COLONIA MANITOBA, DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C., ECOLOGIA Y COMUNIDAD SUSTENTABLE (ECOS) A.C., GRUPO LA NORTENITA, MUNICIPIO CUSIHUIRIACHI, MUNICIPIO DE CUAUHTEMOC, PRESIDENCIA SECCIONAL DE ANAHUAC

Grant Award Amount: \$996,803.00

Match Amount: \$1,073,318.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project will enhance 388 acres of wetlands within the Mexicanos lagoon basin; 496 ac of ponds and small lakes and the enhancement of 3,885 ac of uplands along both watersheds through an integrated watershed management approach focused on habitat improvement, sediment control, hydrological function, and long-term conservation. Proposed actions include wetland and watershed enhancement, implementation of soil and water conservation measures, monitoring of project outcomes, and community engagement to

support local stewardship and awareness. Long term protection will be strengthened through conservation agreements safeguarding 370 acres of wetlands. The Mexicanos and Bustillos lagoons represent two of the most important historical wetland complexes in the Northern Highlands region for migratory and resident bird species.

Project Name: INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF THE REGION LAGUNAS WATERSHED, JALISCO

Location (State): JAL-JALISCO

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C.

Project Officer: Gabriela de la Fuente de León

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED DE MEXICO, A.C., MUNICIPIO DE ATOYAC, MUNICIPIO DE TECHALUTA, MUNICIPIO DE TEOCUIATLAN DE CORONA, MUNICIPIO DE ZACOALCO

Grant Award Amount: \$696,850.00

Match Amount: \$774,410.00

Project Description: This project will restore 2,179 acres of wetlands by improving watershed runoff, dredging tributaries, installing sediment traps, clearing culverts, and constructing dikes to enhance water retention and shallow water habitat. Additional actions include stream clearing, new wastewater infrastructure to route effluent to a treatment wetland, soil preparation to increase palatable vegetation, and community engagement through education programs. Together, these interventions will recover natural hydrology, improve water quality, boost habitat productivity, and strengthen long term stewardship of this essential migratory bird corridor. Because many species wintering here migrate to the United States, the project also supports healthier U.S. bird populations and improves recreational opportunities such as birdwatching and waterfowl hunting.

Project Name: IMPROVING & MANAGING MIGRATORY BIRD CRITICAL HABITAT AT THE COLORADO RIVER DELTA

Location (State): BCN-BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE

Grantee Organization: PRONATURA NOROESTE, A.C.

Project Officer: Miguel Angel Vargas

Partner Name: INNOVACIONES ALUMBRA, PRONATURA NOROESTE, A.C., SONORAN INSTITUTE MEXICO, A.C., HE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Grant Award Amount: \$363,228.00

Match Amount: \$867,395.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project will protect and restore key riparian and wetland habitats in the Colorado River Delta in Baja California by securing 470 acres of conservation land, restoring 61 acres of native wetland habitat, and maintaining 425 acres of previously restored habitat. Dedicated environmental water deliveries will reconnect river, estuary, and marine ecosystems, while monitoring efforts will track migratory and wetland birds and evaluate how water flows shape food resources on mudflats. Partners will also prepare a management plan for the Hardy River and provide environmental education for local communities. Together, these actions strengthen habitat health, support wildlife, and advance long-term conservation in this critical estuarine region.

Project Name: HYDROLOGICAL RESTORATION AND WETLANDS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IN MARISMAS NACIONALES

Location (state): NAY-NAYARIT, SIN-SINALOA

Grantee Organization: VOCES POR LA NATURALEZA, A.C.

Project Officer: Ernesto Bolado Martínez

Partner Name: CENTRO NAYARITA DE INNOVACION Y TRANSFERENCIA DE TECNOLOGIA, COOPERATIVA PESCADORES DE SAN MIGUEL, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA CASA CUNA DE PESCADORES, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA IGNLOGAR, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA LA UNICA DE SAN MIGUEL, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA LLANO DEL TIGRE, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA LOS DORADOS DE VILLA, COOPERATIVA PESQUERA NORTE DE NAYARIT, SECRETARIA DE DESARROLLO SUSTENTABLE DE NAYARIT, VOCES POR LA NATURALEZA, A.C.

Grant Award Amount: \$680,042.00

Match Amount: \$829,979.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Project Description: This project will restore approximately 26,205 acres of degraded wetlands in the Las Garzas and Agua Brava lagoons by rehabilitating 11.8 miles of natural hydrological flow, improving water quality, and benefiting diverse waterfowl, shorebird, and waterbird species. It will also manage 247 acres in the Agua Dulce restoration zone and establish sustainable use across intertidal flats and uplands in a Wildlife Management Unit, while also generating technical studies and GIS data. Located within Marismas Nacionales, one of North America's largest and most productive wetland systems, the project addresses decades of ecosystem degradation caused by altered hydrology, eutrophication, mangrove loss, and land

use change. Through hydrological restoration, improved water management, and strengthened ecological planning, the initiative aims to enhance habitat quality for more than 34 migratory bird species, support local fisheries and agriculture, reduce pollution, and improve environmental services relied upon by over 330,000 people. The project also strengthens bird populations relied upon in the United States enhancing recreational opportunities like birdwatching and waterfowl hunting that depend on abundant, healthy migratory birds.

2026-2 US STANDARD PROJECTS

Project Name: DAKOTAS WETLANDS PHASE I

Location (County): ND-BARNES, ND-LA MOURE, ND-MCLEAN, ND-NELSON, ND-TOWNER, ND-WALSH, SD-AURORA, SD-BEADLE, SD-BON HOMME, SD-BROOKINGS, SD-CHARLES MIX, SD-DEUEL, SD-EDMUNDS, SD-FAULK, SD-HAND, SD-KINGSBURY, SD-LAKE, SD-MARSHALL, SD-POTTER, SD-STANLEY, SD-SULLY, SD-TURNER, SD-UNION, SD-YANKTON

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE-1, SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

Project Officer: John Laux

Partner Name: AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR WILDLIFE, DUCKS UNLIMITED, MATHWIG FAMILY HERITABLE TRUST, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT, NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION, NORTHERN PLAINS APPRAISAL, LLC, PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH & PARKS, STARION BANK

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$3,930,000.00

Joint Venture: NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS, PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

Project Description: This project will conserve 3,791.7 acres, restore 645.65 acres, and improve 467.0 acres of high-priority wetlands and grasslands in North and South Dakota's PPR. It expands NAWCA partnerships, permanently securing 1,238.85 acres of wetlands and 3,747.49 acres of uplands for waterfowl and migratory birds. The project will benefit 18 waterfowl

species, 36 shorebird species, and 40 migratory waterbird species, including Mallard, Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Western Grebe, Hudsonian Godwit, and Black Tern.

Project Name: SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CONSERVATION PROJECTS I

Location (County): CA-KERN, CA-MERCED, CA-STANISLAUS

Congressional District CA--13,20

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Craig Garner

Partner Name: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT, OH SO HI DUCK CLUB, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SAND LAKE HUNTING CLUB, INC., SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$7,465,243.00

Joint Venture: CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project aligns with Central Valley Joint Venture's objectives and aims to conserve 2,727 acres in the southern Central Valley through partnerships with Ducks Unlimited and nineteen collaborators across various lands. Conservation efforts include acquiring 38 acres of wetland and 2,238 acres of upland habitat in the Kern River Watershed, enhancing 402 acres of riparian areas, 2,197 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, and 12 acres of uplands. These habitats benefit mammals, passerines, riparian brush rabbits, Chinook salmon, local and migratory waterbirds, and listed species like the Giant Garter Snake, Tricolored Blackbird, and Foothill Yellow-legged Frog.

Project Name: PEAKS TO PRAIRIE WETLANDS III

Location (County): CO-ADAMS, CO-ARAPAHOE, CO-BOULDER, CO-BROOMFIELD, CO-CHAFFEE, CO-CLEAR CREEK, CO-DENVER, CO-DOUGLAS, CO-EAGLE, CO-EL PASO, CO-ELBERT, CO-GILPIN, CO-GRAND, CO-JACKSON, CO-JEFFERSON, CO-LAKE, CO-LARIMER, NE-ARTHUR, NE-BANNER, NE-BOX BUTTE, NE-CHEYENNE, NE-DEUEL, NE-GARDEN, NE-GRANT, NE-HOOKER, NE-KEITH, NE-KIMBALL, NE-LINCOLN, NE-MCPHERSON, NE-MORRILL, NE-PERKINS, NE-SCOTTS BLUFF, NE-SHERIDAN, NE-SIOUX, WY-ALBANY, WY-CARBON, WY-CONVERSE, WY-FREMONT, WY-GOSHEN, WY-LARAMIE, WY-NATRONA, WY-NIOBRARA, WY-PLATTE, WY-SUBLETTE, WY-SWEETWATER

Congressional District CO--1,2,4,5, CO--6,7, NE-3, WY-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Jojo La

Partner Name: BOULDER & WHITE ROCK DITCH & RESERVOIR COMPANY, CITY OF LOVELAND, CO, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE, COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD, DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SOUTH PLATTE WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,000,135.00

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 will advance wetland conservation in Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming by restoring, enhancing, and permanently protecting wetland habitats totaling

5,191.7 (385.1) acres. Funds will acquire conservation easements on 500 acres of priority wetlands along river corridors, supporting NAWMP landscapes. Restoration focuses on productive wildlife areas along the Platte River, targeting palustrine emergent marsh, riverine wetlands, and riparian woodlands for migratory and breeding birds. Wet meadows and riparian corridors will benefit species like Mallards, Northern Pintails, and Green-winged Teal.

Project Name: SACRAMENTO VALLEY WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECT I

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

Congressional District CA--1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Craig Garner

Partner Name: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, DOBSON ASSET MANAGEMENT, DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Grant Award Amount: \$2,747,779.00

Match Amount: \$6,835,996.00

Joint Venture: CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project will conserve 313 acres, restore 65 acres, and enhance 579 acres of palustrine emergent wetland and 41 acres of upland habitats. Most of the non-additive 5,958 acres will gain improved habitat function and climate resilience through upgraded water sources and better water delivery from previous NAWCA projects. The project specifically aligns with the Sacramento Valley Planning Region, where Central Valley Joint Venture: has set conservation targets for bird species such as Cinnamon Teal, Northern Pintail, Pacific White-fronted Goose, Black Swift, and American Avocet.

Project Name: SAGINAW BAY TO LAKE ERIE COASTAL HABITAT INITIATIVE PHASE VI

Location (County): MI-ARENAC, MI-BAY, MI-GENESEE, MI-GLADWIN, MI-HILLSDALE, MI-HURON, MI-IOSCO, MI-LAPEER, MI-LENAWEE, MI-LIVINGSTON, MI-MACOMB, MI-MIDLAND, MI-MONROE, MI-OAKLAND, MI-OGEMAW, MI-SAGINAW, MI-SANILAC, MI-SHIAWASSEE, MI-ST. CLAIR, MI-TUSCOLA, MI-WASHTENAW, MI-WAYNE

Congressional District MI--1,2,5,6, MI--11,12,13, MI--7,8,9,10

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Matthew Conrad

Partner Name: CITY OF ANN ARBOR, DUCKS UNLIMITED, LEGACY LAND CONSERVANCY, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SIX RIVERS LAND CONSERVANCY, SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP, THUMB LAND CONSERVANCY, THUMB LAND CONSERVANCY

Grant Award Amount: \$2,251,965.00

Match Amount: \$4,506,628.00

Joint Venture: UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

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

Project Description: Phase VI of the Saginaw Bay to Lake Erie Coastal Habitat Project covers 22 Michigan coastal counties, focusing on key wetland and upland habitats along the primary waterfowl migration route from Saginaw Bay to western Lake Erie. Over three million waterfowl and more than one hundred songbird species rely on these fragmented corridors for breeding and migration. The project aims to conserve both public and private lands, prioritizing Great Lakes wetlands and uplands crucial for species like Mallards, American Black Ducks, Lesser Scaup, Northern Pintails, Trumpeter Swans, Canada Warbler, Short-eared Owls, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Bobolinks through native grassland restoration and habitat conservation.

Project Name: PROTECTING GUSTAVUS BEACH MEADOWS & SNIPE SWALE MEADOWS

Location (County): AK-UNORGANIZED BORO.

Congressional District AK-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: SOUTHEAST ALASKA LAND TRUST

Project Officer: Stephanie Lawlor

Partner Name: ATIRA CONSERVATION, LOC-CITY OF GUSTAVUS, AK, PRI-PRIVATE
CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-SOUTHEAST ALASKA LAND TRUST, OTH-THE BEACH MEADOWS
PROTECTION FUND

Grant Award Amount: \$888,820.00

Match Amount: \$1,471,052.00

Joint Venture: PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 5-Northern Pacific Rainforest

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Project Description: This project will permanently protect 211 acres of wetlands and forests near Gustavus, Alaska, highlighting the crucial Gustavus Beach Meadows. Preserving this area safeguards nearby habitats like Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area and The Nature Conservancy's Gustavus Forelands by preventing development that could harm wildlife and shorelines. Gustavus Beach Meadows contains diverse ecosystems such as mudflats, sandflats, tidelands, and willow stands that support breeding and migratory birds and strengthen connections to Glacier Bay National Park. This project is essential for breeding and stopover habitat for waterfowl like Pacific Brant, Dusky Canada Goose, Northern Pintail, Mallard, Long-tailed Duck, and North American scoter species.

Project Name: COASTAL MARSH AND HYDROLOGIC ENHANCEMENT II

Location (County): LA-PLAQUEMINES, LA-ST. MARY, LA-TANGIPAHOA, LA-TERREBONNE

Congressional District LA--1,3

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Partner Name: CHEVRON USA, INC, CONOCO PHILLIPS, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GUSTAF WESTFELDT MCILHENNY FAMILY FOUNDATION, LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$7,500,000.00

Joint Venture: GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley, BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will enhance 7,840 acres (2,840 new acres and 5,000 non-add acres) of coastal wetlands in Louisiana, supporting priority migratory birds within National Priority Wetlands Areas under various conservation plans. It addresses marsh and coastal forest needs outlined in the Gulf Coast Joint Venture's Mississippi River Coastal Wetlands Initiative Area Plan and improves key stopover habitats for waterfowl and other birds in the Mississippi flyway such as Lesser Scaup, American Wigeon, Snowy Plover, and Western Sandpiper.

Project Name: CHENIER PLAIN MARSH ENHANCEMENT III

Location (County): LA-CAMERON, LA-VERMILION

Congressional District LA--3

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Cassidy Lejeune

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES, MOORE-ODOM WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, MOORE-ODOM WILDLIFE FOUNDATION TRUST, VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,061,459.00

Joint Venture: GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project will conserve, restore, and enhance 7,818 (2,837) acres of wetlands within the Gulf Coast Joint Venture's Chenier Plain Initiative Area, helping to counteract wetland losses and improve habitats for birds and other wildlife. The project spans five tracts in southern Louisiana, with the goal to conserve and enhance 10,655 acres across Cameron and Vermilion Parishes. These areas include freshwater, brackish, intermediate marshes, coastal prairie, and chenier ridges. Restoration and protection will address ongoing coastal wetland loss while providing critical habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl such as Mottled Duck, King Rail, and Lesser Yellowlegs.

Project Name: SOUTH DAKOTA WETLANDS PHASE I

Location (County): ND-BOWMAN, ND-SARGENT, SD-AURORA, SD-BEADLE, SD-BENNETT, SD-BON HOMME, SD-BROOKINGS, SD-BROWN, SD-BRULE, SD-BUFFALO, SD-BUTTE, SD-CAMPBELL, SD-CHARLES MIX, SD-CLARK, SD-CLAY, SD-CODINGTON, SD-CORSON, SD-CUSTER, SD-DAVISON, SD-DAY, SD-DEUEL, SD-DEWEY, SD-DOUGLAS, SD-EDMUNDS, SD-FALL RIVER, SD-FAULK, SD-GRANT, SD-GREGORY, SD-HAAKON, SD-HAMLIN, SD-HAND, SD-HANSON, SD-HARDING, SD-HUGHES, SD-HUTCHINSON, SD-HYDE, SD-JACKSON, SD-JERAULD, SD-JONES, SD-KINGSBURY, SD-LAKE, SD-LAWRENCE, SD-LINCOLN, SD-LYMAN, SD-MARSHALL, SD-MCCOOK, SD-MCPHERSON, SD-MEADE, SD-MELLETTE, SD-MINER, SD-MINNEHAHA, SD-MOODY, SD-PENNINGTON, SD-PERKINS, SD-POTTER, SD-ROBERTS, SD-SANBORN, SD-SHANNON, SD-SPINK, SD-STANLEY, SD-SULLY, SD-TODD, SD-TRIPP, SD-TURNER, SD-UNION, SD-WALWORTH, SD-WASHABAUGH, SD-YANKTON, SD-ZIEBACH

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE-1, SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: FARWIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

Project Officer: Steve Donovan

Partner Name: CITY OF MITCHELL, DUCKS UNLIMITED, FARWIDE CONSERVATION TRUST, MARSHALL COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS & PUBLIC LANDS, SPORTSMAN'S CLUB OF BROWN COUNTY, TC ENERGY, CON-WHITETAILS UNLIMITED, SIOUX EMPIRE CHAPTER

Grant Award Amount: \$2,590,300.00

Match Amount: \$3,628,062.00

Joint Venture: NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS, PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

Project Description: This project aims to conserve 10,152.8 acres in the Prairie Pothole and Northern Great Plains regions, focusing on wetlands and grasslands. The first phase protects 2,144.3 acres of threatened palustrine emergent marsh and 7,281.5 acres of grasslands, supporting breeding and migrating birds along the Central Flyway. Beneficiary species include Mid-continent Lesser Snow Goose, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, and Dunlin.

Project Name: EASTERN SD WETLANDS PHASE XI

Location (County): SD-AURORA, SD-BEADLE, SD-BON HOMME, SD-BROOKINGS, SD-BROWN, SD-BRULE, SD-BUFFALO, SD-CAMPBELL, SD-CHARLES MIX, SD-CLARK, SD-CLAY, SD-CODINGTON, SD-DAVISON, SD-DAY, SD-DEUEL, SD-DOUGLAS, SD-EDMUNDS, SD-FAULK, SD-GRANT, SD-HAMLIN, SD-HAND, SD-HANSON, SD-HUGHES, SD-HUTCHINSON, SD-HYDE, SD-JERAULD, SD-KINGSBURY, SD-LAKE, SD-LINCOLN, SD-MARSHALL, SD-MCCOOK, SD-MCPHERSON, SD-MINER, SD-MINNEHAHA, SD-MOODY, SD-POTTER, SD-ROBERTS, SD-SANBORN, SD-SPINK, SD-SULLY, SD-TURNER, SD-UNION, SD-WALWORTH, SD-YANKTON

Congressional District SD-AT LARGE-1

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Bruce Toay

Partner Name: COX ENTERPRISES, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GROHNE FAMILY FOUNDATION, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH & PARKS

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$3,059,818.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description: This project will conserve wetland and grassland habitats on private agricultural land in eastern South Dakota using innovative methods. It supports Prairie Potholes Joint Venture's objectives from the South Dakota State Tactical Plan (2017) to protect vital breeding grounds for ducks and other waterfowl. The project will secure over 3,839 acres with easements by conserving, restoring, and enhancing these habitats for a range of birds including Blue-winged Teal, Wilson's Phalarope, American Bitterns, and Dickcissel.

Project Name: WETLANDS OF THE CENTRAL SOUTHERN VALLEY

Location (County): CA-FRESNO, CA-KERN, CA-MERCED

Congressional District CA--13,22

Grantee Organization: CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

Project Officer: Chadd Santerre

Partner Name: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Grant Award Amount: \$1,861,818.00

Match Amount: \$4,033,903.00

Joint Venture: CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 32-Coastal California

Project Description: This project supports conservation in the Central Valley, identified as a vital wintering area for waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway. This project will conserve 560 acres, restore 86 (38) acres of wetlands, (19) acres of forested habitat, and 80 (108) acres of upland nesting cover. Enhancements will improve to 536 (1,377) acres of wetlands and 77 acres of uplands. These efforts support Central Valley Joint Venture: objectives by providing increased resources for waterbirds during fall/wintering, staging, foraging, and breeding. The project benefits 21 priority waterfowl species such as Northern Pintail and Greater White Fronted Goose.

Project Name: GREEN BAY - DOOR PENINSULA FLYWAY PROJECT

Location (County): WI-BROWN, WI-DOOR, WI-MARINETTE

Congressional District WI--8

Grantee Organization: DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST

Project Officer: Jesse Koyen

Partner Name: DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST, FOX RCROSSROADS AT BIG CREEK, NORTHEAST WISCONSIN LAND TRUST, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SOUTH LAKE MICHIGAN DRIVE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Grant Award Amount: \$2,984,040.00

Match Amount: \$8,789,713.00

Joint Venture: UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GREATLAKES

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 12-Boreal Hardwood Transition, BCR 23-Prairie Hardwood Transition

Project Description: This project focuses on conserving 783.24 acres and restoring 539.17 acres of wetlands across 23 sites in Door, Brown, and Marinette counties, Wisconsin. It uses local partnerships and science-based methods to maintain habitat connectivity and strengthen resilience for migratory birds and wetland wildlife along the Mississippi Flyway. Waterfowl like American Black Duck, Lesser Scaup, Blue-winged Teal, and other species, including Common Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs, Great Egret, Northern Harrier, and Golden-winged Warbler, will benefit from these efforts.

Project Name: MISSOURI COTEAU WORKING WETLANDS PROJECT PHASE V

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

Project Officer: Tanner Gue

Partner Name: COX ENTERPRISES, DUCKS UNLIMITED, GROHNE FAMILY FOUNDATION, NORTH DAKOTA NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,073,987.60

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 11-Prairie Potholes

Project Description: This proposal seeks to conserve grasslands and wetlands on agricultural land within North Dakota's Prairie Pothole Region (PPR), encompassing approximately 17,845.61 (1,600) acres. The region provides critical breeding habitats for waterfowl and other wildlife; however, much of the land is privately owned and subject to agricultural pressures. Wetlands in the ND PPR are primarily palustrine emergent types with diverse hydrologic regimes, serving as essential habitats for migratory and breeding waterfowl as well as wetland-dependent species. Temporary and seasonal wetlands are continuously threatened by drainage and filling activities. Preserving native prairies adjacent to these wetlands enhances nesting sites while mitigating sediment, herbicide, and pesticide runoff. This landscape-scale initiative aims to sustain North America's foremost breeding bird habitats and support robust populations of key species, including Northern Pintail, interior Trumpeter Swan, Hudsonian Godwit, and Western Grebe.

Project Name: MID-ATLANTIC BLACKWATERS AND BAYS V

Location (County): NC-BLADEN, NC-CARTERET, NC-HALIFAX, NC-HYDE, NC-PENDER

Congressional District NC--1,3,7

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Ed Farley

Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$8,040,520.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project aims to permanently protect 1,628 acres, restore 80 acres, and enhance 26,669 acres of wetlands and uplands in coastal North Carolina. It includes acquiring 742 acres for public access game lands and 886 acres for the North River Wetlands Preserve, both open for recreation. Restoration involves creating an 80-acre wetland complex at Roanoke River Correctional Institution to support waterfowl populations. Enhancement will be achieved by dredging and replacing tide gates on Outfall Canal, benefiting Lake Mattamuskeet. The project supports six high-priority waterfowl species, at least fifteen other waterfowl species, neotropical songbirds, shorebirds, and wading birds such as Wood Stork, Eastern Black Rail, and Saltmarsh Sparrow.

Project Name: COASTAL TEXAS VI

Location (County): TX-BRAZORIA, TX-CAMERON, TX-MATAGORDA

Congressional District TX--14,22,34

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer: Kevin Hartke

Partner Name: APEX CLEAN ENERGY, COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM, DUCKS UNLIMITED, MATAGORDA BAY MITIGATION TRUST, NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THUNDERBIRD HUNTING CLUB

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,172,738.00

Joint Venture: GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description: This project aims to advance ongoing conservation initiatives along the Texas Gulf Coast, specifically within the Texas Mid-Coast and Laguna Madre Initiative Areas encompassed by the Gulf Coast Joint Venture. This project will restore 3,904 acres of declining wetland types, critical wetland areas, colonial waterbird nesting islands, and coastal habitats and support Laguna Atascosa and Brazoria National Wildlife Refuges. This project will benefit some of the following species: Mottled Duck, Northern Pintail, Yellow Rail, and Reddish Egret.

Project Name: WETLANDS OF THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Location (County): AZ-LA PAZ, CA-IMPERIAL, CA-RIVERSIDE

Congressional District AZ-9, CA--25,41

Grantee Organization: CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

Project Officer: Chadd Santerre

Partner Name: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Grant Award Amount: \$2,999,915.00

Match Amount: \$7,343,203.00

Joint Venture: SONORAN

Bird Conservation Region BCR: 32-Coastal California, BCR 33-Sonoran and Mojave Deserts

Project Description: Project area is located in southern California and western Arizona in which supports year-round agriculture and serves as an important stopover for migratory birds, thanks to its network of wetlands and farmlands. The project covers Sonoran Joint Venture: Focus Areas: San Jacinto Valley, Imperial Valley at Salton Sea, and lower Colorado River, critical freshwater wetlands for over 400 bird species. This project will restore and enhance 2,354 acres (1,408 acres) via six restoration and ten enhancement projects, improving wetland management infrastructure with emphasis on palustrine emergent wetlands and uplands. These efforts increase habitat quality and benefit priority waterfowl, listed species, and birds such as Lesser Scaup, Cinnamon Teal, Gull-billed Tern, and Black Skimmer.

Project Name: MAINE INLAND AND COASTAL WETLANDS II

Location (County): ME-CUMBERLAND, ME-FRANKLIN, ME-PENOBSCOT

Congressional District ME--1,2

Grantee Organization: THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Project Officer: Betsy Cook

Partner Name: MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST, PENOBSCOT NATION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS,
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Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,000,000.00

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 conserve 13,185.5 acres in interior Maine through fee and easement acquisition on two tracts and restore 34.9 acres of coastal salt marsh in the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. The Wahsehtek project, the largest in phase I and II proposals, is to be conveyed to the Penobscot Nation in phases. The applicant, The Trust for Public Land (TPL), is facilitating the two largest acquisitions in the proposal, which together total over 13,100 acres. The restoration area comprises salt marsh habitat ranked within the top 1% in the Mid/North Atlantic region for quality and resilience, which serves as critical breeding habitat for the Saltmarsh Sparrow. Also, this project will benefit NAWCA high-priority species such as Long-tailed duck, Purple Sandpiper; and Rusty Blackbird.

Project Name: MAINE INLAND AND COASTAL WETLANDS

Location (County): ME-CUMBERLAND, ME-HANCOCK, ME-LINCOLN, ME-PENOBSCOT, ME-SOMERSET, ME-WASHINGTON

Congressional District ME--1,2

Grantee Organization: THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Project Officer: Betsy Cook

Partner Name: COASTAL RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST, FIRST LIGHT, MORTON-KELLY CHARITABLE TRUST, NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF), NORTHEAST WILDERNESS TRUST, PENOBSCOT NATION, PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, CON-THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,000,000.00

Joint Venture: ATLANTIC COAST

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

Project Description: This project aims to ensure the conservation of 11,452.2 acres through fee and easement acquisition across seven tracts. Six of these tracts are located in Atlantic Coast Joint Venture: Habitat Conservation Priority sub watersheds for Flagship Species, the American Black Duck. All seven tracts are identified as Undeveloped Habitat Blocks by the Maine Natural Areas Program, collectively totaling more than 60,000 acres. These extensive habitats serve both as core habitats and corridors, forming essential components of a resilient, interconnected landscape. This project will be permanently conserving habitats specifically supporting the following wildlife such as American Black Duck, Lesser Scaup, Red-breasted merganser, and Ruddy Turnstone.

Project Name: IOWA DES MOINES LOBE WETLAND INITIATIVE V

Location (County): IA-BUTLER, IA-DICKINSON, IA-FRANKLIN, IA-GREENE, IA-HAMILTON, IA-KOSSUTH, IA-MARSHALL, IA-PALO ALTO, IA-POCAHONTAS, IA-WARREN, IA-WINNEBAGO, IA-WORTH

Congressional District IA--1,2,3,4

Grantee Organization: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Project Officer: Kelly Smith

Partner Name: CITY OF ARNOLD'S PARK, CONSERVATION FOUNDATION OF DICKINSON COUNTY, DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION, PRAIRIE LAKES CHAPTER, DICKINSON COUNTY WATER QUALITY COMMISSION, HAMILTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION, MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD, PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS, WORTH COUNTY, IA

Grant Award Amount: \$3,000,000.00

Match Amount: \$7,619,974.00

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

Project Description: This project is a conservation partnership aimed at conserving, restoring, and enhancing 2,000.64 (65.96) acres of critical wetland and migratory bird habitat throughout Iowa's Prairie Pothole Region (PPR). The Iowa section of the PPR is vital for waterfowl, waterbirds, shorebirds, and grassland birds. It was once among North America's most productive areas. Restoring wetlands and grasslands here creates essential habitats for migratory birds and serves as a major migration corridor for lesser Scaup and other species traveling north. This project covers restoration and enhancement of various marshes to support spring migration for bird species such as Northern Pintail and Mallard.