

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT**  
**U.S. STANDARD GRANTS, 2022-2 CYCLE**

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Project Name WOLF RIVER WETLANDS: SOURCE TO CONFLUENCE

Congressional District MS-1, TN-8, TN-9

Grantee Organization WOLF RIVER CONSERVANCY INC.

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-BELZ ENTERPRISES, PRO-DAA ACQUISITION OF MEMPHIS, LLC, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), STA-TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY, CON-WOLF RIVER CONSERVANCY INC.

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,764,700.00

Joint Venture EASTERN GULF COAST, LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 26-Mississippi Alluvial Valley, BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description: This project supports a decades-long initiative by the Wolf River Conservancy in partnership with state, federal and private partners to protect the upper river and restore the riparian forests along the lower river as a wildlife corridor, for drinking water recharge and for outstanding recreational and educational opportunities near the Memphis metropolitan area. The goal of Wolf River Wetlands: Source to Confluence is to protect in perpetuity 1,266 acres of wetlands and adjacent uplands along the Wolf River corridor in northwest Mississippi and southwest Tennessee through fee acquisition of 673 acres, fee donation of 209 acres and conservation easements on 384 acres. Of the total acres, 67% is wetlands on the Wolf River corridor within the far western boundary of the East Gulf Coastal Plain (1,097 acres) and the eastern portion of the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Ventures (169 acres).

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Project Name WETLANDS OF WYOMING

Congressional District WY-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-TROUT UNLIMITED, STA-WYOMING GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT, STA-WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, STA-WYOMING WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,174,609.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 17-Badlands and Prairies, BCR 18-Shortgrass Prairie

**Project Description** This project includes fourteen tracts aimed at improving the quantity, quality, and availability of preferred habitats for the ducks, geese, swans, and other waterbirds that rely on Wyoming wetlands. Many wetlands in Wyoming are threatened by anthropogenic demands for water. Municipal, industrial, agricultural, and recreational uses are stressors to wildlife and habitat that depend on this lifeblood to survive. The opportunities to bridge these gaps between anthropogenic demands and wildlife lies at the heart of the Intermountain West Joint Venture's Water 4 Initiative.

Conservation actions in this project will counter act these stressors and improve conditions for wetlands and the wildlife that depend on them. Fee title acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands will be used by the partnership to maximize wetland value in this arid landscape. One of the keys to our success is capturing water where it's available and improving the ability to get water to existing reservoirs and wetlands by making sure that aging water diversion structures are maintained. With increased demand for water and competing land uses ensuring wetlands remain on the landscape for wildlife is essential.

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Project Name WATER 4 COLORADO'S SAN LUIS VALLEY II

Congressional District CO-3

Grantee Organization RIO GRANDE HEADWATERS LAND TRUST (RIGHT)

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Project Country US

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Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,009,390.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 16-Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau

Project Description This project will protect, enhance, and restore 3,645 acres of migratory bird habitat, including over 2,100 acres of wetlands, on both public and private land. Private land habitat (1,470 acres) will be permanently protected with conservation easements. Flood irrigated wetlands, riparian areas, and uplands totaling 1,845 acres on important private farm and ranchlands will be enhanced by modernizing irrigation infrastructure. Five tracts include habitat for Mallard and Northern Pintail, and most tracts provide quality-nesting habitat for these high priority waterfowl.

The San Luis Valley (SLV) is recognized as the most important waterfowl production area in Colorado. Four of the tracts also have potential habitat for the federally endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. All tracts provide a variety of lifecycle needs for Greater Sandhill Cranes. Recent science by the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) indicates that the SLV is a critical bottleneck for the entire Rocky Mountain population of cranes, and habitat protection is necessary to sustain this important population.

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Project Name SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA MARSH ENHANCEMENT II

Congressional District LA-1, LA-2

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRO-CHEVRON USA, INC, STA-COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA, PRO-CONOCO PHILLIPS, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, LOC-LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,425,085.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

**Project Description** This project will enhance or restore 4,980 acres of coastal wetlands and help offset Louisiana's dramatic wetland loss within these basins and provide quality habitat for numerous bird species and other wetland dependent wildlife. Enhancement will be completed on 750 acres of brackish marsh in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The project area has been negatively impacted by marsh erosion via storms and wave energy, which has resulted in historic marsh areas converting to open water. The work will also enhance 3,130 acres of intermediate marsh at the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Orleans Parish, Louisiana. This project will add water level management capabilities via installation of a new water control structure to enhance 3,130 acres at Unit 3 of the refuge. The new structure will increase management capabilities and capacity for the unit and thereby reduce flooding stress within the unit and enhance wetland management efforts to provide quality habitat for a variety of resident, migratory, and wintering bird species.

Enhancement of 100 acres of coastal marsh will be completed in the Barataria Basin at the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The project area has deteriorated to mostly open water because of subsidence, saltwater intrusion, sea-level rise, erosion, and altered hydrology. Restoration of 1,000 acres of saline marsh and coastal ridge habitat in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana will also be completed. The project site has converted from coastal marsh and forested ridge habitat to mostly open water because of subsidence, saltwater intrusion, sea-level rise, erosion, and altered hydrology. This project directly contributes to habitat and population goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan through the Gulf Coast Joint Venture.

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Project Name SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM WETLANDS II

Congressional District FL-17, FL-26

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, CON-  
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,000,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 31-Peninsular Florida

Project Description This project will enhance key wetlands within crucial watersheds in central and south peninsular Florida including Lake Okeechobee, the Greater Everglades, and Everglades National Park (a Ramsar wetland). The project will plug a man-made canal, and conduct a revegetation of wetlands along Lake Okeechobee to create a complex habitat mosaic.

The project supports the 2017 Everglades National Park Foundation Document and 2011 Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan goals of protecting and restoring vital habitats in the watershed and maintaining and improving existing water hydrology and quality in the Okeechobee watershed and the Everglades. Project sites are within identified geographic priority areas for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners in Flight Landbird Conservation Plan, the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, and the United States Shorebird Conservation Plan, and the BCR 31 Plan and support the objectives of these bird conservation plans.

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Project Name SOUTH ATLANTIC WETLANDS & WILDLANDS I

Congressional District SC-6, SC-7

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,031,723.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

**Project Description** This project will help meet the objective of the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI) Implementation Plan as the project area is based on the Waterfowl Focus Areas from the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Waterfowl Implementation Plan. Specifically, these projects will result in the permanent protection of 219 acres of wetlands and 760 acres of uplands as well as the enhancement of 445 acres of wetlands for a total of 1,424 acres impacted. The wetlands can be further classified by type. Of the 219 protected wetland acres, 115 acres are coastal marsh habitat and 69 acres are forested wetlands. The 445 acres of enhanced wetlands consist of managed tidal impoundments that will be managed to provide high quality emergent wetland habitat.

The activities of this project will support populations of many different wildlife species, but the focus is on providing quality wetlands for waterfowl. The following high priority and other priority waterfowl species will be affected: Northern Pintail, Mottled Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Greater Scaup, Wood Duck, Redhead, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, and American Wigeon. Another species that this project will benefit is the federally threatened Black Rail. Tracts 3 and 4 are both near epicenters of known Black Rail breeding populations and the importance of impoundments is specifically mentioned in the Eastern Black Rail Conservation Plan.

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Project Name SOUTH ATLANTIC BASINS: LOWER PEE DEE TO OKEFENOKEE V

Congressional District SC-7

Grantee Organization OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE, STA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, STA-SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, OTH-THE WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,072,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

Project Description This is the fifth project in a series that's protecting and connecting wetland habitats in the South Carolina Lowcountry and coastal Georgia across a network of Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Focus Areas under the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative. This project will acquire three Santee River floodplain properties totaling 5,717 acres through fee title acquisition, Great Santee Swamp (2,115-acres), Dawhoo Lake & Wadmacon Creek (1,742-acres), and Santee Island (1,860-acres). These tracts are riverfront forestland in Georgetown County, South Carolina. These project acres (5,137 acres or 90%) are decreasing national wetlands. These strategic, undeveloped, forested wetland tracts have over 12 riparian miles on the tidally influenced Santee River.

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Project Name SAN JOAQUIN & KERN RIVERS WATERSHEDS III

Congressional District CA-16, CA-21, CA-22

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, STA-CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, STA-CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, PRO-FRITO LAY, INC, LOC-GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT, OTH-LAWRENCE DUCK CLUB, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,544,952.00

Joint Venture CENTRAL VALLEY

Bird Conservation Region BCR 32-Coastal California

Project Description This project represents phase three of a four phase initiative to conserve wetlands and associated habitats in the southern Central Valley (CV) of California. It will enhance 1,267 acres of palustrine emergent and forested wetlands. Improvements in this project will benefit water conveyance, re-contouring wetlands, re-habilitating brood ponds, and installing new water conveyance infrastructure will permit wetland managers and districts to manage and deliver water to maximize high quality moist-soil vegetation and brood habitats thereby benefitting local Mallard, Gadwall, Cinnamon Teal, Wood Duck, and passerines.

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Project Name SAGINAW BAY TO LAKE ERIE COASTAL HABITAT V

Congressional District MI-ARENAC-4, MI-GLADWIN-5, MI-JACKSON-7, MI-8, MI-9, MI-10, MI-11, MI-12, MI-13, MI-14

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-LEGACY LAND CONSERVANCY, STA-MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC., PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,252,425.00

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** This project focuses on wetland and associated upland habitat conservation in the Saginaw Bay area and southward along Michigan's major waterfowl migration corridor through Lake St. Clair and down the Detroit River to the western Lake Erie watershed. It targets Great Lakes coastal marshes and associated shoreline habitats, expansion and restoration of state and federal wildlife areas, and contains a private lands restoration component important for waterfowl production and spring migration.

The project focuses conservation efforts on two primary habitats, coastal wetlands and associated uplands. These habitats provide critical migration and important production habitat for waterfowl and many other species of wetland dependent wildlife. High priority waterfowl species including Mallards, American Black Ducks, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Northern Pintails, and Southern James Bay Canada Geese rely heavily on these habitats. Other priority waterfowl species include Wood Ducks, Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, American Wigeon, and Canvasbacks. The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network has designated this area as a Regional Shorebird Reserve. Conservation efforts are vital, as industrial, agricultural, residential, and urban development have greatly reduced coastal wetlands throughout the project area. Activities include fee title and easement acquisitions, restoration, and enhancement.

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Project Name PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED II

Congressional District NE-1, NE-2, NE-3

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, LOC-LOWER PLATTE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA, CON-NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, STA-NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST, CON-NEBRASKA LAND TRUST, CON-PLATTE RIVER WHOOPING CRANE MAINTENANCE TRUST, LOC-PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,540,037.00

Joint Venture PLAYA LAKES, RAINWATER BASIN, 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 direct habitat protection of over 400 acres via fee title acquisition and conservation easements, and over 5,300 acres of enhancement and restoration of shallow wetland habitat. The goals are to perpetually protect existing habitat, improve off channel wetlands, and eliminate invasive species that choke habitat and indirectly alter channelization of flows, which cause detrimental impacts to wetlands. The Platte River is unique in that even though it is riverine, its shallow and braided channel habitats often function as palustrine emergent wetlands depending on water levels and flows, and that is why it attracts so many waterfowl and wading birds each year. In addition to the numerous benefits to waterfowl, the Platte River provides migration habitat to at least one-half million Sandhill Cranes each spring (approximately 80% of the world's population).

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Project Name NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA WETLAND HABITAT V

Congressional District CA-1

Grantee Organization CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$946,348.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,421,260.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 9-Great Basin

Project Description The Southern Oregon and Northeastern California (SONEC) region is an area of continental significance to Pacific Flyway waterfowl (NAWMP 2012), and is identified by the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) as one of the highest priority landscapes in need of wetland conservation. The region encompasses some of the most diverse and dynamic habitat in the western U.S. Composed of lush valley traversed by snowmelt fed rivers, high plateau flood plains scattered with sagebrush, shallow terminal basins, wet meadows, and vast mosaics of flood irrigated agricultural working lands, each landscape represents critical habitat for wetland dependent wildlife. The project will restore 845 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 17 acres of palustrine forested habitats, and 86 acres of upland cover. Enhancements will provide improvements to 2,565 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 8 acres of palustrine forested habitats, and 226 acres of associated upland nesting cover. Projects will be contributing directly to IWJV habitat objectives by providing increased fall and spring staging, foraging, and breeding resources for waterbirds.

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Project Name NORTH FLORIDA WETLAND CONNECTOR CONSERVATION II

Congressional District FL-3

Grantee Organization ALACHUA CONSERVATION TRUST

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-ALACHUA CONSERVATION TRUST, LOC-ALACHUA COUNTY

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$9,056,030.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 31-Peninsular Florida

Project Description This project is the second of a multi-phase effort to protect critical habitat for migratory birds and other wetland-dependent species in north central Florida through fee-simple purchases. This phase will preserve 3,940 acres of wetlands and adjacent uplands in eastern Alachua County, with the ultimate goal of preserving and connecting numerous small yet important wetlands throughout the region. As one of the nation's fastest growing states, Florida's rapid conversion of natural areas to agricultural, urban, and other land uses has caused the loss and degradation of critical habitat for breeding, wintering, and migrating birds including waterfowl, waterbirds, and neotropical migrants. Human encroachment and disturbance also threaten to adversely impact birds' ability to successfully breed, forage, and rest in what areas remain.

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Project Name NORTH DAKOTA POTHOLE S II

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,319,455.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

Bird Conservation Region BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

**Project Description** This project designed to protect wetland and grassland communities using a landscape level approach to planning and targeting while contributing to the goals of the 2017 Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (PPJV) Implementation Plan goals. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and its partners along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to acquire grassland and wetland easements and enhance wetland-associated uplands in the Prairie Pothole Region (PPR) of North Dakota to protect 7,646 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.

Once a vast grassland, the PPR is now an agrarian system dominated by cropland. Changes in land use have, for the most part, been detrimental to the migratory birds that use the PPR. Many wetlands have been drained or degraded, and the loss of native prairie has been extensive. The PPR is one of the most altered, yet also one of the most important, migratory bird habitats in the Western Hemisphere. It is the backbone of North America's "duck factory," and critical habitat for many wetland and grassland-dependent migratory birds. These habitat losses have resulted in declines of many grassland and wetland-dependent birds that depend upon the PPR for breeding and migratory habitat. Several species of grassland and wetland-dependent birds as well as plants and insects in the North Dakota Potholes (NDP) area are now listed as federally or state endangered, threatened, proposed, candidate or watch species because of habitat loss.

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Project Name NORTH DAKOTA NORTHERN PRAIRIE VI

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,197,183.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

**Project Description** This project is phase six of ongoing work to protect, restore and enhance wetland and grassland communities using a landscape level approach to planning. Areas with the highest wetland densities will be targeted to implement wetland and grassland conservation strategies. Specifically, grant and matching funds will be used to conserve, restore and improve wetland and grassland habitat on 36,135 acres in northcentral and northwestern North Dakota. The Prairie Pothole Region (PPR) annually produces 60-70% of the continent's grassland nesting (Mallard, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal) and over-water nesting (Redhead, Canvasback, Ruddy Duck) species of waterfowl. The protections provided by wetland and grassland easements as well as the restoration and enhancement activities outlined in this project will contribute significantly toward meeting these habitat goals.

The ND Northern Prairie Project (NDNPP) landscape contains approximately 1,484,000 acres of native grasslands and one of the objectives is to maintain all native grasslands by acquiring perpetual conservation easements. Under this project, 2,916 acres of native grasslands and 1,011 acres of wetlands will be secured by perpetual easements, 20 acres of wetlands will be restored and another 913 wetland acres will be enhanced by 7,533 acres of uplands in managed grazing systems and 949 acres of grassland restorations that will help maintain the function and value of these wetlands.

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Project Name MATAGORDA PENINSULA COASTAL MANAGEMENT AREA

Congressional District TX-27

Grantee Organization TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

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Project Country US

Partner Name GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION, KNOBLOCH FAMILY FOUNDATION, NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF), PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,046,348.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description This project will purchase fee title interest in coastal marshes and barrier island habitat on Matagorda Peninsula in Texas. This project area complements an effort by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and partners to permanently protect important habitat in the Matagorda Bay system. This wetland ecosystem is of national and international significance. Matagorda Peninsula is one of the most pristine barrier island segments on the Texas Coast and these acquisitions will help complete the conservation of the barrier island habitat of the peninsula. Specifically, the project will protect two tracts totaling 1,046 acres.

These tracts are prime habitat in a key location to protect the peninsula from further development. Matching funds also provide other key Peninsula additions. Match from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has been used to acquire two adjacent tracts on the Peninsula totaling 647 acres. In addition, 172 acres were donated to TPWD protecting habitat around Brown Cedar Cut on the east end of the Peninsula. A total of 1,865 acres will be protected in perpetuity by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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Project Name MAINE'S WETLANDS - FROM THE HEADWATERS TO THE SEA

Congressional District ME-1, ME-2

Grantee Organization RANGELEY LAKES HERITAGE TRUST

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Project Country US

Partner Name -COASTAL RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST, DOWNEAST SALMON FEDERATION, ELLIOTSVILLE FOUNDATION, INC, FIREBIRD FOUNDATION, GRANT'S KENNEBAGO CAMPS, STA-MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-RANGELEY LAKES HERITAGE TRUST, CON-SUMMERHILL FOUNDATION

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,000,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest

Project Description This project is the eleventh to be developed as part of the Maine Wetlands Conservation Initiative (MWCI), formed in 2017 and involving over 30 matching partners to date. Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust (RLHT) will acquire a 1,240.2-acre tract in fee and easements on a 1,385.3-acre tract and a 1,885.8-acre tract. All three tracts are contiguous. Together these acquisitions will permanently protect 998 wetland acres, 9 miles of undeveloped lake and pond frontage and 15 miles of relatively intact, wooded riparian area on the Kennebago River and smaller tributary streams. The Maine Rivers Act recognized the Kennebago as one of the state's most significant resources for Eastern Brook Trout and landlocked salmon, and the river attracts thousands of anglers to fish its pristine waters. Together, these three tracts provide more than 2,100 acres of breeding habitat for American Black Duck. The Kennebago tracts border a 108,000-acre contiguous block of state and non-profit conservation holdings.

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Project Name LOWER BEAR RIVER - GREAT SALT LAKE

Congressional District UT-1

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,004,253.00

Joint Venture INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 9-Great Basin

**Project Description** Project work will center on improving two key areas of the Great Salt Lake (GSL) ecosystem: the Bear River Bay, and Ogden Bay, which lie within the historical deltas of the Bear River and Ogden/Weber Rivers, respectively. Together, these areas contain a significant portion of the freshwater wetlands in the GSL ecosystem. Grant and match funding will support enhancement of 4,835 acres of palustrine emergent and palustrine aquatic bottom wetlands in these areas. An additional 2,943 acres of uplands will be permanently protected through fee donation of Fremont Island, located on the western edge of Ogden Bay. Project work will involve five tracts, three owned by the State of Utah and two are private lands.

Project activities will benefit 25% of the continental Northern Pintail population, nearly 75% of the western Tundra Swan population, nearly 55% of the western Snowy Plover population, the world's largest breeding population of White-faced Ibis, one of the largest concentrations of breeding Redheads in North America, the most important Cinnamon Teal breeding area in North America, the largest Gadwall breeding ground in the western United States, the largest Ruddy Duck breeding area outside of the prairie pothole region, the world's largest breeding population of California Gulls, and the world's largest staging concentration of Wilson's Phalaropes. Enhancement of wetlands will improve breeding and migration habitat for millions of wetland-dependent migratory birds including species such as Mallard, Cinnamon Teal, American Avocet and White-faced Ibis. Many species that use wetland-associated uplands for nesting and foraging will also benefit. These include Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl, and Western Meadowlark. This project will also benefit 12 special-status species including seven that are federal birds of conservation concern. These include Long-billed Curlew, Bald Eagle, and Eared Grebe.

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Project Name KANSAS PRAIRIE WETLANDS IX

Congressional District KS-1,2,3,4

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$1,965,000.00

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 eight tracts that will protect, restore, and enhance 5,413 acres of wetlands and associated grassland habitats, many of which will have perpetual benefits and some that will include public access. This continues an eight-year wetland conservation effort encompassing all of Kansas, working with over sixty partners, conserving thousands of acres and matching funds of over fourteen million dollars. This project will implement the following the following: 1) over 2,103 acres of wetlands will be acquired, protected, restored, and/or enhanced; 2) approximately 5,075 acres of conservation easements that will perpetually protect habitat on private lands in the Central Flyway; and 3) the engagement of fourteen partners that have pledged their support to preserve habitat and combat threats of habitat loss in Kansas.

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Project Name HERRING RIVER RESTORATION & PROTECTION I

Congressional District MA-9

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer Jim Feaga

Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-FRIENDS OF CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, CON-FRIENDS OF HERRING RIVER, STA-MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), LOC-TOWN OF WELLFLEET, MA, CON-WELLFLEET CONSERVATION TRUST

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$4,054,820.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

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

Project Description The goal of the restoration project is to restore the biological function and integrity of the tidal marsh estuary. The restoration will result in significant improvements in water quality, wetlands habitat, rare species habitat, fisheries, and recreational opportunities throughout the Herring River floodplain while improving its resiliency and ability to adapt to the effects of climate change. The Herring River Protection and Restoration Project is located in Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 30 of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (ACJV) and includes the ACJV Inner Cape Cod Waterfowl and the ACJV Cape Cod - Outer Shorebird Focus Areas. This project will restore 1,723.4 acres and permanently protect 18.1 acres, with greater than 40% (508-acres) of wetland acres that are in decline including high marsh habitat and estuarine wetlands.

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Project Name DELMARVA OASIS I

Congressional District DE-AT LARGE, MD-1, VA-2

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer Jacob McPherson

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-DELAWARE WILD LANDS INC., CON-DUCKS UNLIMITED, CON-EASTERN SHORE LAND CONSERVANCY, CON-LOWER SHORE LAND TRUST, LOC-NEW CASTLE COUNTY, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,000,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

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

Project Description This project preserves or restores 459 acres of varying wetland habitats including over 400 acres of declining wetland types such as palustrine emergent, estuarine emergent and forested freshwater wetlands. In addition, this project protects 240 acres of mixed upland forest and 371 acres of other uplands. The project area is an important part of a major migration corridor in the Atlantic Flyway, which supports priority waterfowl species, neotropical migrants and other land birds, shorebirds, and wading birds. Examples of some priority bird species that will, or are likely to, benefit directly from the conservation actions described in this project include: Mallard, Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, American Bittern, American Oystercatcher, American Woodcock, Seaside Sparrow, King Rail, Short-eared Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Worm-eating Warbler.

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Project Name CONNECTING CONSERVATION CORRIDORS IV

Congressional District SC-7

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

Project Officer Emily Purcell

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Project Country US

Partner Name STA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, STA-SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CON-WETLANDS AMERICA TRUST

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,350,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

**Project Description** This project will focus on connecting conserved lands along the Waccamaw River Basin in the northern extent of the project area in Horry County, SC. Land protection along the Waccamaw River Basin has seen extensive conservation investment by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Carolina Conservation Bank, and non-profit partners like Ducks Unlimited and Wetlands America Trust to acquire public lands for incorporation into state Heritage Preserves (HP), state Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), and National Wildlife Refuges (NWR). This partnership has strategically come together once again to focus their efforts on protecting a key linkage in a chain of connective lands comprising the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area (HP/WMA).

The 1,650-acre fee-title acquisition tract is located within the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Upper Waccamaw Focus Area, and upon acquisition by SCDNR, will expand the availability of publicly accessible wetland and upland habitat that supports wildlife, water quality, resiliency, and people within a portion of coastal South Carolina that is undergoing rapid urbanization and development. Acquisition of this 1,650-acre tract that includes 745 acres of priority wetlands secures an outparcel in the Waccamaw River HP/WMA and continues previous investments in linking this HP/WMA with Waccamaw River NWR, Lewis Ocean Bay HP, and other protected lands. Conserving unique tracts such as one included in this project is critical for providing habitats and connections for birds and other wildlife, and is critical for meeting the needs of species for movement within the southeastern landscape and mitigating for human-induced stressors influencing bird populations.

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Project Name COASTAL MARSH & HYDROLOGIC ENHANCEMENT

Congressional District LA-1, LA-3

Grantee Organization DUCKS UNLIMITED

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,274,264.00

Joint Venture GULF COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 37-Gulf Coastal Prairie

Project Description This project will enhance and restore 2,290 acres of coastal wetlands in the Terrebonne Basin and enhance river flows and sediment delivery in the Atchafalaya Basin to nourish 150 acres of freshwater delta marsh. Terraces will enhance 780 acres of brackish marsh in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The project area was once healthy marsh but has deteriorated to mostly open water because of subsidence, saltwater intrusion, sea-level rise, erosion, and altered hydrology. Grant and matching funds will be used for construction and planting of approximately 27,000 linear feet of earthen terraces. Terraces created via this project will help improved water quality, trap sediment, promote the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), protect surrounding marshes, lessen erosion, counteract impacts of relative sea level rise, serve as storm surge buffers, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Enhancement will be completed on 150 acres of freshwater delta marsh at the Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

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Project Name CHASE LAKE AREA WETLAND XV

Congressional District ND-AT LARGE

Grantee Organization U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Project Officer Scott McLeod

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Project Country US

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

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$2,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$3,004,717.00

Joint Venture PRAIRIE POTHOLE

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

Project Description The Chase Lake Area Wetland Project (CLP) encompasses more than 6.5 million acres in the Missouri Coteau physiographic sub-region in central North Dakota. It also lies in the heart of the Prairie Pothole Region and Prairie Pothole Joint Venture area. This landscape contains some of the most numerous, productive and diverse wetland communities in the world with wetland densities often exceeding 100 basins per square mile. These diverse and complex wetland habitats are linked together and provide nesting, brood rearing, loafing and foraging habitats for wetland dependent waterfowl, shorebirds, water birds, and passerines, as well as many mammals, amphibians and aquatic insects. The surrounding uplands contain some of the highest quality remaining grasslands in the Prairie Pothole Region which provide important nesting, brood-rearing and foraging habitats for a wide array of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and grassland associated passerines.

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Project Name CAROLINA BARRIERS & BLACKWATERS INITIATIVE I

Congressional District NC-1, NC-3, NC-7

Grantee Organization NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

Project Officer Janice Allen

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Project Country US

Partner Name CON-NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST, STA-NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Date approved 04/27/2022

Grant Award Amount \$1,000,000.00

Proposed Match Amount \$2,100,000.00

Joint Venture ATLANTIC COAST

Bird Conservation Region BCR 27-Southeastern Coastal Plain

**Project Description** This project targets wetlands and migratory bird conservation efforts in the central and northern portion of coastal North Carolina with a particular focus on conserving land along barrier islands and blackwater river systems. The objectives of this first phase project are to permanently conserve the following six tracts in fee title:

- (1) 105-acre tract in Craven County
- (2) 200-acre tract in Onslow County
- (3) 244-acre tract in Sampson County
- (4) 89-acre tract in Camden County
- (5) 1,200-acre tract in Pender County
- (6) 20-acre tract in Bertie County.

The project also includes a wetlands enhancement project specifically to improve nesting habitat for Black Rail on a 2-acre impoundment at National Audubon Society's (NAS) Pine Island Sanctuary located on the Outer Banks in Currituck County. This project will conserve estuarine wetlands, bottomland hardwoods, cypress-gum swamp, barrier beach and maritime shrub/scrub, pocosin and longleaf pine forests that will benefit a diversity of priority bird species and which is directly supported by the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's Waterfowl Implementation Plan and South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI).