



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wetland Habitat Restoration



Vermont Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program restores, enhances and protects important fish and wildlife habitat on private lands through partnerships. We focus our efforts in priority landscapes to achieve the greatest conservation benefit for federally listed species, candidate and at-risk species, migratory birds and interjurisdictional fish.

Priority species such as the American black duck, monarch butterfly, blue spotted salamander and Virginia rail benefit from wetland habitat restoration projects.



Figure 1. Priority species from top left: willow flycatcher, spotted turtle, black duck, black-crowned night-heron. Photo credit: USFWS

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The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides financial and technical assistance to design and implement wetland habitat restoration projects in Vermont. Restoration techniques include ditch plugs, shallow depressions, berm removal, wood replacement, hummock/hollow creation, and tree/shrub plantings.



Figure 2. Conducting cultural resource review at a restoration project. Photo credit: USFWS

Vermont Wetland Partnership

Initiated in 2008, a partnership between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources was formed to restore degraded wetlands in Vermont.



Figure 3. USFWS Biologist explaining wetland restoration project to visiting professionals. Photo credit: USFWS

Conservation Success

- Since 2008, over **65 projects** have been completed as part of the wetland partnership in Vermont.
- Over **5,300 acres** of wetland habitat have been restored or enhanced.



Figure 4. Restoration project before (left) and 4 years after project completion (right). Photo credit: USFWS

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