

THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT

Protecting, Restoring, and Enhancing Habitat for Migratory Birds

HISTORY

- The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) was enacted in 1989 as a way to incentivize non-federal contributions to wetland wildlife habitat in North America.
- NAWCA grants are used to protect and restore the quality wetland and associated upland habitat in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico.
- The law requires each federal dollar put into the program to be matched by at least \$1 in non-federal funds. Due to the highly competitive grant process, each federal dollar is matched by at least \$2 on average.



CURRENT FUNDING:
FY2016 appropriations are \$35.145 million.

INCENTIVIZING LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSERVATION

- Since its inception in 1989, NAWCA grants totaling more than \$1.4 billion have leveraged \$2.9 billion in contributions from partners. These contributions have far exceeded the match requirements, allowing for the successful implementation of wetland habitat restoration projects across North America.
- In 2015, 115 projects were completed across the continent — 91 in the U.S., 12 in Canada and 12 in Mexico.

PROTECTING WILDLIFE HABITAT

- Federal and non-federal funding has resulted in the **conservation of more than 30.7 million acres** of wetlands and associated uplands across North America.
- The abundance of wildlife, including many species of waterfowl, other migratory birds, fish and mammals supported by wetlands, translates into multi-billion dollar activities for Americans who enjoy hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and photography.



BIRD HABITAT IMPACTS SINCE 1991

Grant Funding: \$1.4 billion

Match: \$2.9 billion

Projects: 2,553

Acres Affected: 30.7 million

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- Through March 2015, more than 5,000 separate partners have been involved in 2,553 NAWCA projects.
- Partners include all 50 state wildlife agencies, hundreds of private landowners, a diversity of private conservation organizations, corporations, businesses, tribes and local governments.

2015 GRANTS:

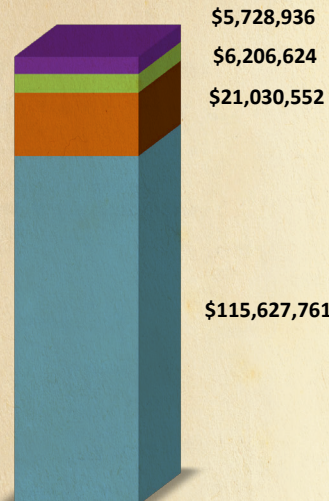
GRANTS BY PROGRAM:

- Mexico
- U.S. Small
- Canada
- U.S. Standard

\$2,735,833
\$2,898,635
\$21,030,552

\$49,684,980

GRANT FUNDS

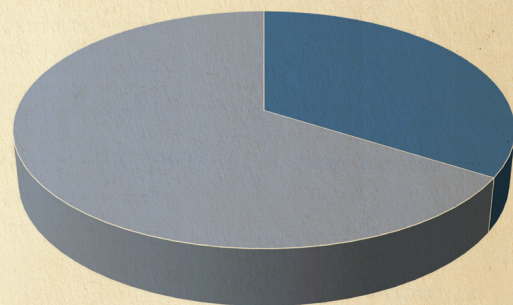


PARTNER MATCH

GRANTS AND MATCH TOTALS:

Partner Match:
\$148,593,873

Grant Funds:
\$76,350,000



Total projects: **115**

Acres to be Protected, Restored or Enhanced: **338,779**