

MARYLAND NAWCA PROJECTS

\$16,351,322 **\$62,710,203** **31** **58,371**

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION NUMBER OF PROJECTS TOTAL ACRES

Maryland has 26 NAWCA projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved 58,371 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$16.3 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$62.7 million. These figures do not include multi-state projects.

CHESAPEAKE RIVERS CONSERVATION PHASE I

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States and stages or winters millions of waterfowl and other wetland dependent migratory birds every year. This project will contribute to a long-term effort to protect and restore wetland habitat in the Choptank, Nanticoke, Wicomico and Pocomoke River watersheds, four of the most pristine watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

These watersheds are renowned for verdant tidal and nontidal wetland complexes that support plant and wildlife biological diversity, including a significant number of rare species. The lower reaches of these rivers encompass three waterfowl focus areas for the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (ACJV), primarily due to the large expanses of coastal marshes and submerged aquatic vegetation beds that provide excellent shelter and forage for migrating waterfowl such as American black duck and several other species.

Phase I will add 1,400 acres of permanently protected wetland/upland migratory bird habitat to the Maryland's State Forest System and place conservation easements on another 1,205 acres. A total of 1,976 acres, or 76 percent, of the project area are declining forested, emergent and scrub-shrub wetland habitats. Species that will benefit include American black duck, northern pintail, wood duck and mallard. The wetland-dependent American woodcock will also directly benefit from the project. Specific neotropical migrants that will benefit from protected habitat include prothonotary warblers, Kentucky warblers, wood thrush and worm-eating warblers

	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL INVESTMENT	TOTAL ACRES
1.	MIDDLE CHESAPEAKE SENTINEL LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE I	\$1,513,695	\$3,176,000	\$4,689,695	
2.	RESTORING WETLAND HABITAT IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY	\$100,000	\$946,664	1,046,664	39.6
3.	BLACKWATER FIELD 49 & 50 WETLAND RESTORATION	\$100,000	\$241,137	\$341,137	139
4.	CHESAPEAKE RIVERS CONSERVATION PHASE I	\$1,000,000	\$3,133,860	\$4,133,860	1,576

5.	CHESAPEAKE RIVERS CONSERVATION PHASE II	\$1,000,000	\$3,017,628	\$4,017,628	2,332
6.	NANTICOKE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	\$100,000	\$176,204	\$276,204	2,605
7.	POCOMOKE RIVER PARTNERSHIP III	\$1,000,000	\$2,890,000	\$3,890,000	1,675
8.	WETLAND ENHANCEMENT & RESTORATION AT DEAL ISLAND WMA	\$66,400	\$152,100	\$218,500	2,916
9.	OAK HILL CONSERVATION EASEMENT	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	250
10.	BLACKWATER POOLS 3 & 5 WETLAND RESTORATION	\$75,000	\$131,240	\$206,240	141
11.	HAIL COVE SHORELINE PROJECT	\$45,000	\$387,500	\$432,500	309
12.	POCOMOKE RIVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP II	\$800,000	\$1,864,354	\$2,664,354	942
13.	POCOMOKE RIVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP I	\$648,727	\$1,450,169	\$2,098,896	1,843
14.	E.A. VAUGHN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT	\$39,000	\$55,630	\$94,630	400
15.	HEART OF THE CHESAPEAKE I	\$1,000,000	\$10,653,000	\$11,653,000	19,443
16.	PINEY CREEK HABITAT PROTECTION	\$50,000	\$165,000	\$215,000	80
17.	CHESTER RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION I	\$1,000,000	\$7,611,696	\$8,611,696	5,140
18.	HOLLY BEACH FARM	\$1,000,000	\$13,200,000	\$14,200,000	417
19.	BLACKWATER / NANTICOKE WATERSHED ACQUISITION, REST. & ENH.	\$700,000	\$2,194,000	\$2,894,000	3,161
20.	CONQUEST FARM ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT II	\$1,000,000	\$3,232,000	\$4,232,000	4,253
21.	CONQUEST FARM ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT	\$1,000,000	\$2,091,300	\$3,091,300	739
22.	WOLF SWAMP HABITAT RESTORATION	\$17,500	\$24,641	\$42,141	120
23.	CHESTER RIVER	\$1,337,000	\$1,614,100	\$2,951,100	815
24.	SAVANNA LAKE	\$1,000,000	\$1,744,980	\$2,744,980	4,323
25.	BLACKWATER NWR	\$1,080,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,955,000	2,298
26.	ISLAND CREEK GUN CLUB	\$664,000	\$664,000	\$1,328,000	2,425
	TOTAL:	\$16,351,322	\$62,710,203	\$79,061,525	58,371

MARYLAND MULTI-STATE PROJECTS

\$3,608,000

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

\$15,408,377

TOTAL PARTNER INVESTMENT

5

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

47,004

TOTAL ACRES

Maryland has four NAWCA multi-state projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved 45,934 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$2.6 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$13.4 million.

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	TOTAL PARTNER MATCH	TOTAL INVESTMENT	TOTAL ACRES
1. **DELMARVA OASIS I	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	1,070
2. ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN / NORTHERN RIDGE & VALLEY	\$75,000	\$215,589	\$290,589	434
3. CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE	\$1,000,000	\$9,653,750	\$10,653,750	18,289
4. CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE III	\$1,000,000	\$2,006,410	\$3,006,410	17,400
5. CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE II	\$533,000	\$1,532,628	\$2,065,628	9,811
TOTAL:	\$3,608,000	\$15,408,377	\$19,016,377	47,004

** Indicates projects funded in 2022

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