

# NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT: A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY

Since its inception in 1989, NAWCA grants totaling over \$1.6 billion have leveraged almost \$4.7 billion in contributions from partners. These contributions have far exceeded match requirements, allowing for successful implementation of wetland habitat restoration projects across North America. Federal and non-federal funding has resulted in the conservation of more than 31 million acres of wetlands and associated uplands across North America. The abundance of wildlife, including many species of waterfowl, migratory birds, fish and mammals supported by wetlands, translates into multi-billion dollar activities for Americans who enjoy hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and photography, and other outdoor recreational activities.

**1:1** NAWCA REQUIRES A 1:1 MATCH, BUT PARTNERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL OFTEN DOUBLE OR TRIPLE FEDERAL FUNDS

AMERICA HAS  
LOST 50% OF  
ITS WETLANDS



Through the history of the program, NAWCA has provided...

**>3,000**

PROJECTS USING NAWCA GRANTS,  
WHICH TOTAL OVER \$1.6 BILLION

**31.3 MILLION**

ACRES OF HABITAT IMPACTED USING  
NAWCA FUNDING

**6,600**

PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE OVER \$4.6  
BILLION IN MATCHED FUNDS

...in all 50 states



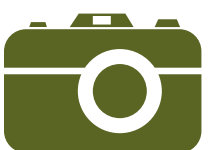
## NAWCA conserves and restores wetlands to increase water quantity and quality.

Wetlands store water and recharge aquifers, securing future water supplies and reducing soil erosion in the event of floods. Wetlands also preserve water quality by removing phosphates, nitrogen and pesticides.



## NAWCA funds have created on average, nearly 7,500 new jobs annually in the US.<sup>1</sup>

These jobs generate more than \$200 million in worker earnings each year. NAWCA has benefited the national economy by translating \$2 billion in federal funds into more than \$7.6 billion in on-the-ground conservation and economic activity in North America.



## NAWCA expands recreational opportunities for people such as hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and photography.

These recreational activities are a multi-billion dollar industry. On average, Americans spend \$887 billion on outdoor recreation and the recreation industry directly supports over 7.6 million jobs<sup>2</sup>.

1. "A Programmatic Evaluation of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) in the United States and Canada" Final Report, Conducted for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service by Responsive Management, September 2002

2. "The Outdoor Recreation Economy" Conducted for Outdoor Industry Association by Southwick Associates, Inc. 2017

# FY2022 OVERVIEW

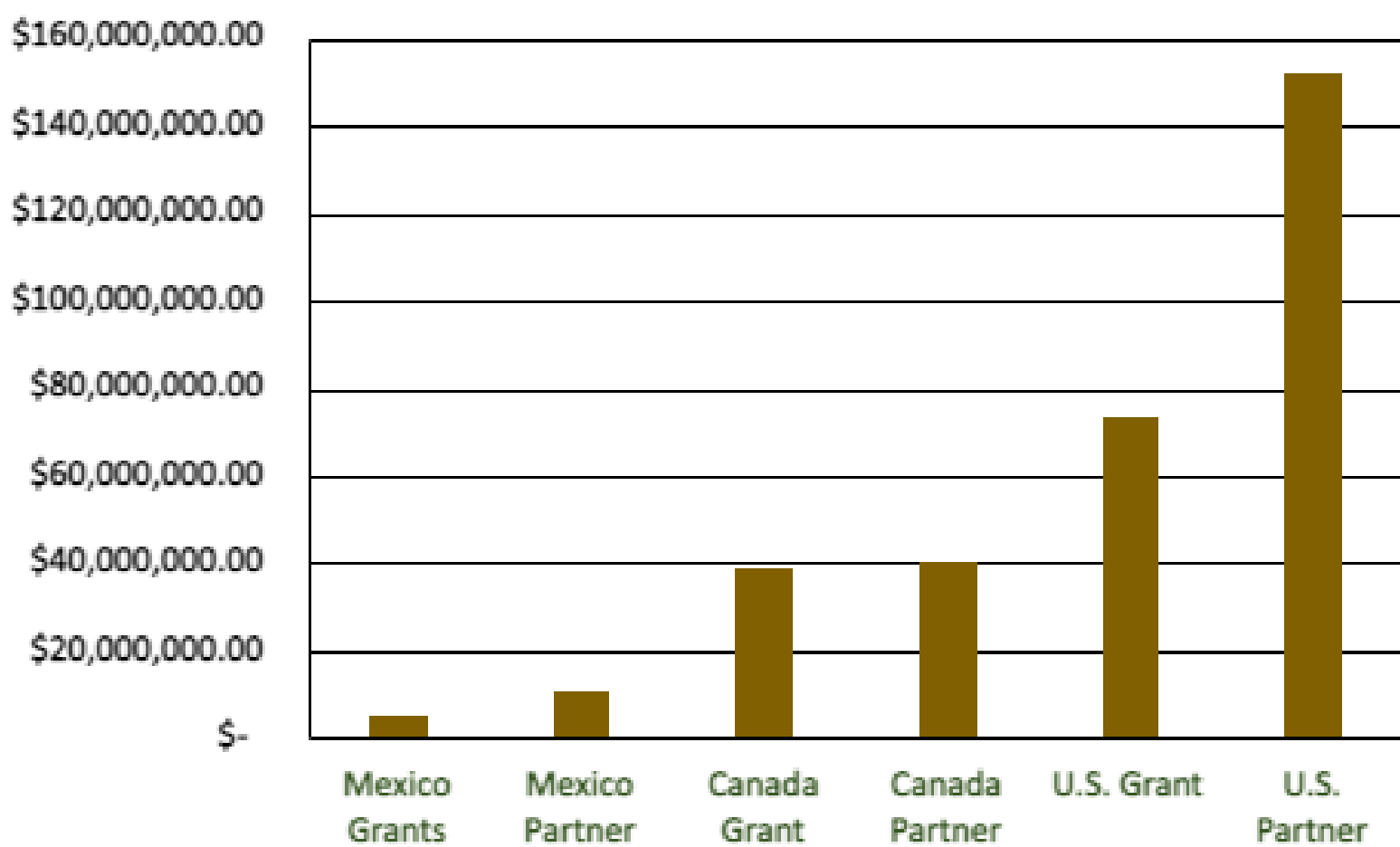


## FY2022 NUMBERS

GRANT FUNDING	\$117,381,655
PARTNER CONTRIBUTION:	\$202,325,382
TOTAL PROJECTS:	111
ACRES AFFECTED:	545,278

In FY2022, 111 projects were selected for funding across the continent- 84 in the U.S., 11 in Canada, and 16 in Mexico. NAWCA proposals totaling more than \$117.3 million will leverage over \$202.3 million in contributions from partners in the FY22 recommended awards. In the history of the program, partners have included all 50 state wildlife agencies, hundreds of private landowners, non-profit conservation organizations, corporations, businesses, tribes and local governments.

## FY2022 GRANT FUNDS



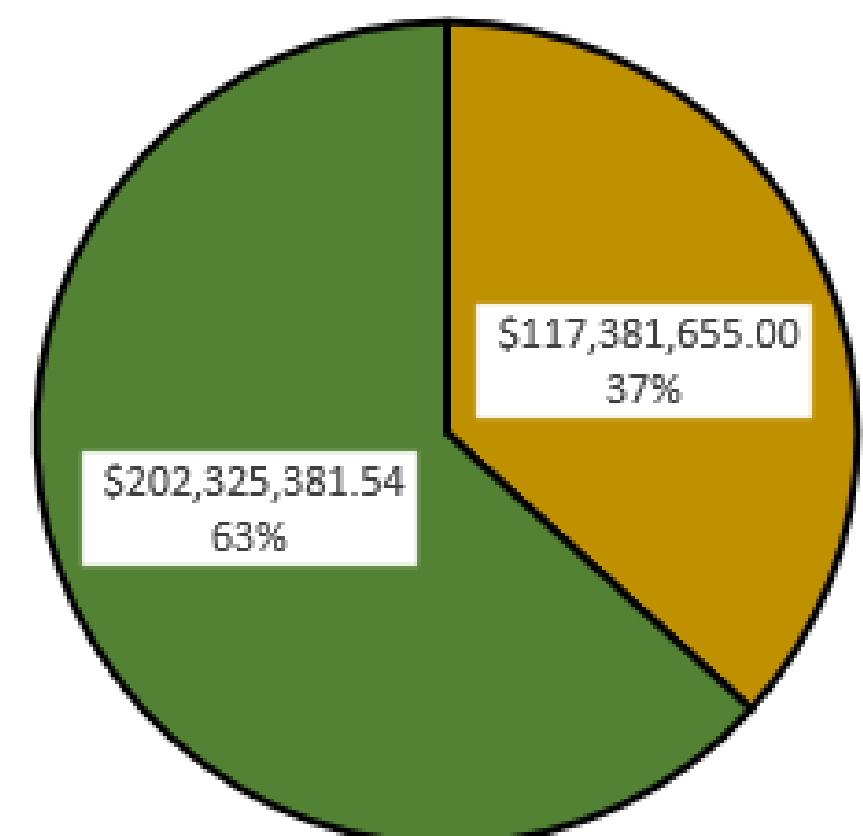
\*Figures Defined Below

**Mexico Grants: \$ 5,184,925**  
**Canada Grants: \$38,968,565**  
**U.S. Grants: \$73,228,165**  
**Mexico Partner Match: \$10,500,605**  
**Canada Partner Match: \$40,097,753**  
**U.S. Partner Match: \$151,727,024**

## MORE ABOUT NAWCA

- NAWCA is a voluntary, competitive grant-based program that has conserved habitat for nearly 35 years.
- Projects are approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC).
- The MBCC is made up of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Interior, the head of the EPA, and two bi-partisan members from each the Senate and House of Representatives.

## GRANT AND PARTNER CONTRIBUTION TOTALS FY2022



**Grant Totals: \$117,381,655**  
**Match Totals: \$202,325,381**

## DID YOU KNOW?

MORE THAN 900 SPECIES OF BIRDS AND WILDLIFE RELY ON WETLAND HABITAT.

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