

# VERMONT NAWCA PROJECTS

**\$1,111,693**

**\$7,972,383**

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**55,847**

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

TOTAL ACRES

*Vermont has two NAWCA projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved 55,847 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$1 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$7.7 million. These figures do not include multi-state projects.*

## ESSEX COUNTY WETLAND SYSTEMS

Partners will acquire 55,800 acres in fee title and in conservation easements in the Ferdinand Bog/Paul Stream/Mountain Ponds System in Essex County. Of that acreage, 12,000 will be dedicated to the establishment of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge. The remainder of fee lands will be managed by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Agency of Natural Resources and easement lands will be managed by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Vermont Land Trust. The Project area's pristine and remote wetlands support one of the top black duck breeding areas in northern New England.

The Ferdinand Bog/Paul Stream/Mountain Ponds System is the central wetland system in a linkage of large wetland complexes beginning in the south with Victory Basin WMA and Victory State Forest, continuing to the north with the Nulhegan Basin (proposed Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge) and extending to the U.S./Canada border with the Bill Sladyk WMA. This project will create ecological connections for these wetland systems and other conserved forests, which will stretch across most of Essex County and total approximately 200,000 acres. The project area will be open to the public for birding, hunting, fishing, boating, trapping, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Water quality, erosion and storm damage reduction, flood control and increased surface and groundwater supply will be enhanced. Increased eco-tourism benefits can also be expected as the refuge becomes established.

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL ACRES
1. COMMUNITY FARMING FOR GRASSLAND BIRDS	\$61,693	\$185,133	\$246,826	
2. ESSEX COUNTY WETLAND SYSTEMS	\$1,000,000	\$7,210,000	\$8,210,000	55,800
3. ROSSETTI PRIORITY WETLAND	\$50,000	\$577,250	\$627,250	47
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,111,693</b>	<b>\$7,9772,383</b>	<b>\$9,084,076</b>	<b>55,847</b>

# VERMONT MULTI-STATE PROJECTS

**\$3,822,700**

**\$37,271,194**

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**107,400**

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

TOTAL ACRES

*Vermont has seven NAWCA multi-state projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved 107,400 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$3.8 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$41 million.*

	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL INVESTMENT	TOTAL ACRES
1.	BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE - DEMO PROJ	\$100,000	\$151,255	\$251,255	1,250
2.	MAIDSTONE BENDS FLOODPLAINS	\$75,000	\$674,569	\$749,569	583
3.	CONNECTICUT RIVER: NORTHERN VALLEY CONSERVATION PROJECT	\$914,000	\$12,757,000	\$13,671,000	82,829
4.	UPPER VALLEY CONNECTICUT RIVER WETLAND	\$300,000	\$675,000	\$975,000	750
5.	LAKE CHAMPLAIN WETLANDS III	\$1,000,000	\$20,404,970	\$21,404,970	15,408
6.	LAKE CHAMPLAIN WETLANDS II	\$800,000	\$1,854,017	\$2,654,017	3,132
7.	LAKE CHAMPLAIN WETLANDS	\$633,700	\$754,383	\$1,388,083	3,448
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,822,700</b>	<b>\$37,271,194</b>	<b>\$41,093,894</b>	<b>107,400</b>

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