



### ★ FIVE WETLANDS ADDED TO PONCIN PROPERTY

In August of 2024, DU completed the restoration of the 140-acre Poncin Tract northeast of Big Wall Lake. DU's conservation and engineering staff designed and led the construction of five wetlands totaling 50 acres. The remaining area was seeded in a native prairie mix by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). A donation from the Weller family funded the acquisition and restoration of the Poncin Tract through the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) now owns Poncin, designated as a Waterfowl Production Area, and it is managed by the IDNR. The property is open to the public and will provide additional habitat for waterfowl. It also offers another access point to the north side of Big Wall Lake.



### ★ LILY LAKE WATER STRUCTURE OVERHAUL

As part of DU's Living Lakes Initiative, a water structure renovation was completed at Lily Lake to improve waterfowl habitat and water quality. Working with the IDNR and private landowners, DU designed and installed two separate structures. The main structure at the south end of the lake improved capacity for water level and vegetation management. Another structure was built closer to the outlet of Pleasant Lake on the north side of Lily Lake to help manage water coming into Lily from Pleasant Lake.



### IOWA WORKING LANDS UPDATE

The Working Lands team is promoting regenerative on-farm agricultural practices in Iowa. To improve water quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat, DU assists private landowners with the implementation of cover crops, no-till farming, and livestock integration. The work combines agriculture, business, and resource management to benefit waterfowl and other wildlife. DU's Working Lands staff introduces producers to programs such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Water Quality Initiative, Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability grant, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program to achieve their conservation goals. From June to December of 2024, DU biologists engaged over 500 producers at commodity events, provided technical assistance to 115 new landowners, and enrolled over 15,000 acres into conservation programs. Partnerships with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Pork Board, and many others have afforded new opportunities to improve the conservation of land across the state.



### ★ DUCK STAMP DOLLARS ADD PPR HABITAT

Since 2023, DU has acquired four private properties in the Prairie Pothole Region of Iowa, totaling almost 400 acres. These properties will likely be restored and managed for wildlife and public use in perpetuity. DU's goal is to acquire one to two properties per year. The land is typically of low value to farmers but has high potential for wetland and native prairie restoration. This year, DU sold the 44-acre McLaughlin Tract in Hancock County to the USFWS. McLaughlin was purchased by DU in 2022 and held for two years until the USFWS could secure Migratory Bird Funds (duck stamp dollars) to buy the property. It is now an extension of Gladfelter Marsh, a public waterfowl management area.





## IOWA 2025 State Report

### MEMBERSHIP

**Grand Total: 16,320**

Members: 15,767

General Members: 11,510

Greenwings: 1,453

Legacy Greenwing Members:  
1,059

Sponsor Members: 1,745

**Major Sponsors: 553**

**Feather Society Members: 105**

### STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:  
\$2,176,364

Number of committees: 85

Number of fundraising events: 166

Local chapter volunteers: 1,185

### FY24 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: \$1,300,228

Location of projects:

Saskatchewan: Churchbridge  
Project & Rokeby Project

### US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in  
the state (*historically since  
FY1984*): **87,948**

Total Acres of Conservation  
in the state (FY2024): **2,618**

Amount spent on projects in  
the state: **\$41,237,176**

Amount spent on projects in  
MS Flyway (*through FY24*):  
**\$794,952,058**

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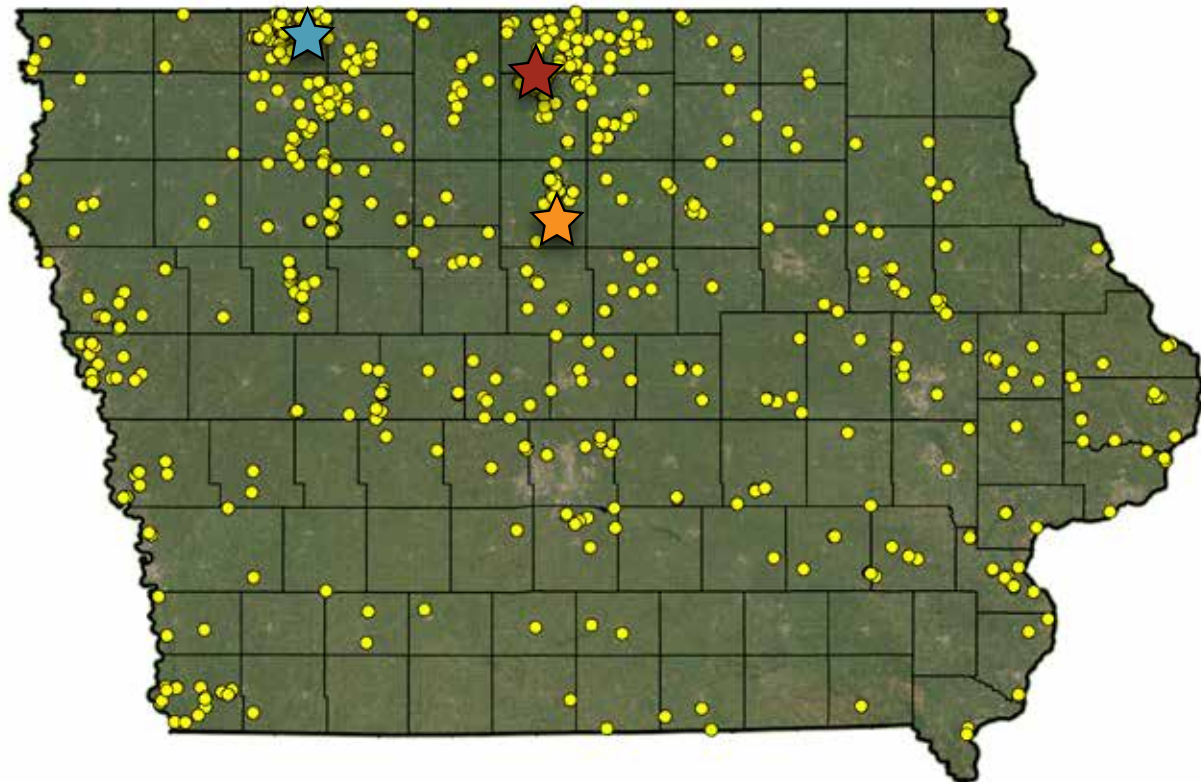
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