



★ NAWCA GRANT IMPACTS 4,700 WETLAND ACRES

A \$3 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant was awarded to DU and conservation partners. The partnership contributed over \$6 million in matching funds from public and non-governmental agencies to secure this grant. This project will restore, enhance, and permanently protect over 4,700 acres of wetlands and grasslands, supporting waterfowl and upland bird habitats. Other wildlife species, such as piping plovers, red knots, Wilson's phalarope, greater yellowlegs, and a variety of songbirds, will also benefit from this conservation initiative.

The grant kicked off in August 2024, and partners are already delivering projects. Four land acquisition projects have been completed, resulting in nearly 200 acres of habitat protection in Door County. Multiple wetland enhancements are in the planning stages at Mead Wildlife Area. Once completed, over 1,800 acres will be impacted.



★ NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AT HORICON NWR

DU partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance 171 acres of wetlands at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Horicon Marsh is an important fall and spring migratory stop-over for waterfowl and supports significant breeding populations of waterfowl and marsh birds. The improved infrastructure restores the impoundments' functionality to support breeding marsh birds and staging waterfowl.



WISCONSIN GRAZING PROGRAM

Establishing more perennial cover is critical for nesting ducks, improves water quality, and supports biodiversity. In August 2024 DU initiated a grazing program in Wisconsin, hiring a Grazing Biologist to focus on the northwest part of the state. A second position, located in the southwest is being added soon. So far, eight grazing plans have been written, totaling 276 acres of pasture. Our Grazing Biologist meets with landowners interested in improving their farm for wildlife. He also attends and presents at farmer outreach events to detail the benefits of eco-friendly grazing practices.

★ WATER CONTROL AT PRINCES POINT

Restoration began on a 1,830-acre Wetland Reserve Easement owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Princes Point Wildlife Area. The restoration will restore hydrology on the property and feature four impoundments, allowing site managers to manipulate water levels to achieve ideal habitat conditions. The restoration started with a 124-acre prairie planting in June, and work on the wetlands started in December.





WISCONSIN 2025 State Report

MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 37,891

Members: 36,997

General Members: 33,326

Greenwings: 1,485

Legacy Greenwing Members: 136

Sponsor Members: 2,050

Major Sponsors: 894

Feather Society Members: 262

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:
\$5,348,719.00

Number of committees: 133

Number of fundraising
events: 326

Local Chapter Volunteers: 1,510

FY24 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions:
\$6,905,361.34

Location of projects: Manitoba:
Brandon Key Program Area,
Manitoba Prairie Pothole Region;
Saskatchewan, Summerberry
Marshes, Last Mountain Lake &
Eagle Lake & Rush Lake

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in
the state (historically since
FY1984): **148,234**

Total Acres Conserved
in the state (FY2024): **10,728**

Total amount spent on
projects in the state
(historically since FY1984):
\$52,826,866

Amount spent on
projects in the state
(FY2024): **\$4,757,405**

Total amount spent on
projects in MS Flyway:
\$792,925,707

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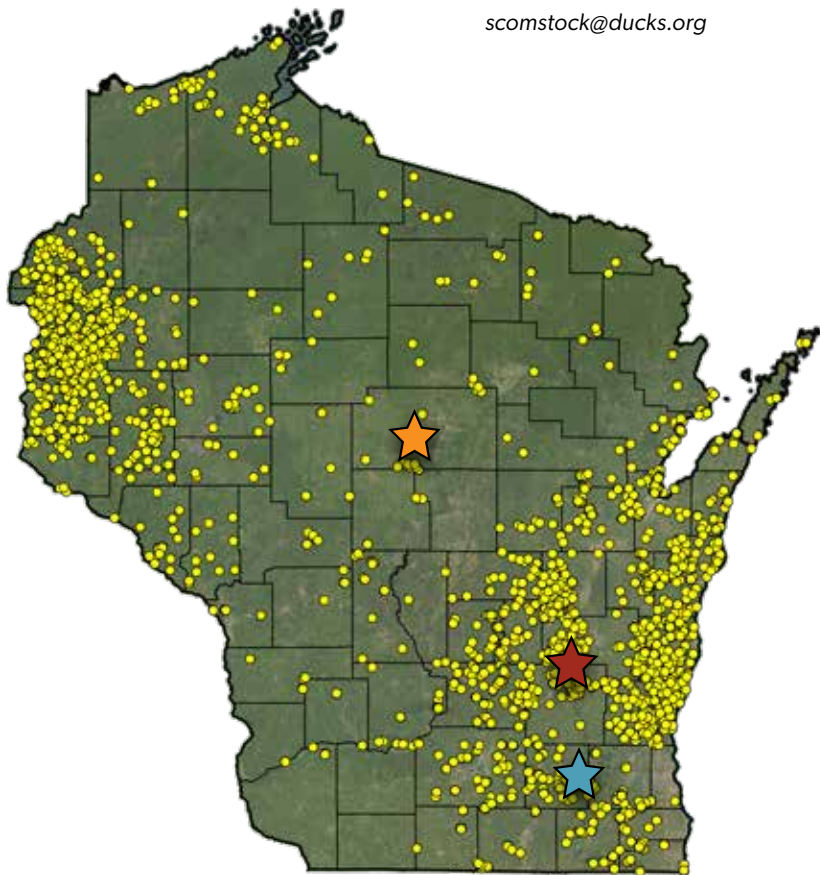
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