



NORTH CAROLINA

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MATTAMUSKEET FARM UNIT

The nearly 400-acre enhancement project at the Farm Unit on Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge is now officially underway. After navigating a few funding and scheduling hurdles, construction has begun on this important effort to strengthen habitat management and give refuge staff greater ability to manage water levels across the units. Planned improvements include replacing an aging pump and diesel power unit with a new electric pump, repairing a bulkhead, enhancing an existing water control structure with new pipe and a flap gate, and raising an existing dike to expand flooding capacity for habitat management. Electrical service will also be extended to the new pump, allowing for quieter, more efficient operation without the need for a diesel generator. This is a significant step forward for one of the premier wildlife refuges along the Atlantic Flyway.

BIG SWAMP ACQUISITION

Ducks Unlimited supported Open Space Institute and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in the acquisition of roughly 2,500 acres in Robeson County. DU wrote a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant proposal that contributed \$500,000 to the acquisition. Big Swamp is part of an unfragmented patch of natural habitat considered an “intact habitat core.” It consists of primarily forested wetlands and includes diverse riparian swamp that is important for wood ducks and other waterfowl. The property will be incorporated into the Game Lands program and be open for public access, including hunting.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 30,121
Members: 29,144
 General Members: 24,060
 Greenwings: 2,560
 Legacy Greenwings: 290
 Sponsor Members: 2,234
Major Sponsors: 977
Feather Society Members: 123

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:
\$4,932,771
 Number of committees: **97**
 Number of fundraising events: **197**
 Local chapter volunteers: **1,634**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$2,051,478**

Location of projects: Atlantic Habitat Initiative, Saint John River Rebuilds, historical - individual projects in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I., Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Maritime Ag Wetland Restoration

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984):
150,433

Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **2,121**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$37,773,862**

Amount spent on projects in ATL Flyway (through FY2025):
\$358,750,076

Primary waterfowl species:

Wood Duck; Black Duck; Mallard; Canada Goose; Gadwall; Northern Pintail; Scaup; Ring-Necked Duck; American Wigeon; Canvasback; Redhead; Blue-Winged Teal and Green-Winged Teal.

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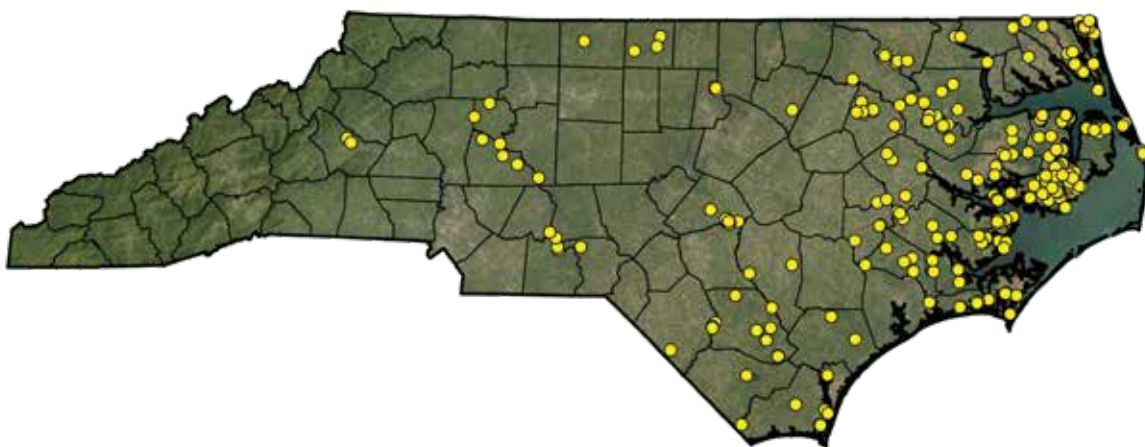
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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