



PENNSYLVANIA

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



S.K. ROCKWELL CONSERVANCY INVESTS \$3 MILLION IN PUBLIC LANDS

The S.K. Rockwell Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited and the Pennsylvania Game Commission are working together to enhance 140 acres across 26 priority wetland impoundments at State Game Lands 277, part of the Northwest Regional Wildlife Management Unit that spans 1,070 acres in western Pennsylvania.

The S.K. Rockwell Conservancy, founded by Steven Kent Rockwell, supports the rehabilitation, preservation and maintenance of the world's most precious natural environments. In addition to assisting in enhancing damaged natural properties and rehabilitating wilderness environments, the S.K. Rockwell Conservancy prioritizes community, education and innovation.

The S.K. Rockwell Conservancy generously donated \$3 million to the substantial restoration project at SGL 277, which will also leverage Pittman-Robertson Act funds to repair and replace failing and dilapidated water-control structures. Planned improvements will enable effective habitat management capabilities, allowing Pennsylvania Game Commission wetland managers to conduct drawdowns and manage vegetation. This will help to maintain species diversity, promote natural ecological processes, improve water quality, mitigate flooding and support native plant communities that provide sustenance for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife.



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE AT MIDDLE CREEK WMA

Ducks Unlimited partnered with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) to create critical emergent wetland habitat, which will be managed as a shallow-water impoundment by the PGC as part of the existing 6,200-acre Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, located in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, Pennsylvania. The two projects totaling 10 wetland acres were completed in 2025. Funding was provided through Pennsylvania state game funds and contributions from Inch's 700 Sherman, LLC. The primary goal of this work was to increase wetland management capability and support the development of emergent marsh and moist-soil conditions that promote seed-producing annuals and other native vegetation for wildlife at Middle Creek WMA. The project involved the construction of two shallow wetland impoundments to provide natural resource managers with the ability to mimic seasonal wetland hydroperiods and create conditions that allow the existing seed bank to establish beneficial herbaceous vegetation for waterfowl and other wildlife.

CELERY SWAMP RESTORATION COMPLETE

The Celery Swamp restoration effort at State Game Lands SGL 151 reached an important milestone with the completion of construction in the fall of 2025. Objectives of this project included removing inadequate infrastructure and consolidating 26 open water ponds into six large wetland management cells. With the restoration completed, the PGC can now facilitate conditions that promote the proliferation of forage species, such as annual forbs, grasses, and aquatic invertebrates, to assist migratory birds in meeting their energy requirements. Over the years, DU and the PGC collaborated on this effort to protect and restore 126 acres of emergent and forested wetland habitats in northwest Pennsylvania. The multi-phased attempt began in 2019, when DU and PGC purchased the property through partnership grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, donations from Waterfowl USA, and private donors. Once acquired, the parcel was added to the existing 1,438-acre SGL 151 in Mercer and Lawrence counties.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 13,522
Members: 13,288
 General Members: 12,129
 Greenwings: 339
 Legacy Greenwings: 84
 Sponsor Members: 736
Major Sponsors: 234
Feather Society Members: 115

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised: **\$979,694**
 Number of committees: **35**
 Number of fundraising events: **112**
 Local chapter volunteers: **317**

FY25 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$910,564**

Location of projects:

Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec: Baie Lavalliere III, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984): **30,323**

Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **443**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$22,199,956**

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

Primary waterfowl species:

Wood Duck; Black Duck; Mallard; Canada and Snow Goose; Scaup; Ring-Necked Duck; Goldeneye and Ruddy Duck.

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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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