



SOUTH CAROLINA

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



SHADES MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Ducks Unlimited partnered with the Open Space Institute, Low Country Land Trust, and the SC Forestry Commission to permanently protect the Shades Mountain property using funding from the South Carolina Conservation Bank, Forest Legacy Program, NFWF, and the South Carolina Office of Resilience. The 1,355 acres were put under a conservation easement that allows for public access that is compatible with timber management. DU received nearly \$1M in funding from a North American Wetlands Conservation Act to support our partners in this easement acquisition. This conservation easement is part of a larger, 61,000-acre conservation easement project between the timber company Resource Management Services and SC Forestry Commission.



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RHODES CONSERVATION EASEMENT

In December, Ducks Unlimited used Savannah Harbor Expansion Project Funding and a generous bargain sale donation to protect the 919-acre Rhodes Tract along two and a half miles of the Savannah River. The property has over 400 acres of forested wetlands including cypress swamps and bottomland hardwood forests that support many priority bird conservation species such as wood ducks, Swainson's warbler, and American woodcock. The Savannah River also provides drinking water for well over one million people in two states, and the bottomland hardwoods on the Rhodes Tract are important for filtering water before it reaches the Savannah River. This is an important conservation corridor that includes over 14,000-acres of DU easements along the Lower Savannah River, as well as more than 25,875 acres of contiguous state-owned public land and The Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, totaling over 31,000 acres, is located just downriver from the property. The protection of this property will ensure that over 20 miles of contiguous river frontage are protected along the Savannah River.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 13,976

Members: 13,203

General Members: 10,786

Greenwings: 1,081

Legacy Greenwings: 61

Sponsor Members: 1,275

Major Sponsors: 773

Feather Society Members: 130

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars

raised: **\$2,703,955**

Number of committees: **56**

Number of fundraising events:

105

Local chapter volunteers: **1,010**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions:

\$2,973,908

Location of projects: Current:

Ontario Habitat Initiative;

Historic: Manitoba, New Bruns-

wick, Nova Scotia, Ontario

Landscape

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the

state (historically since FY1984):

222,649

Total Acres of Conservation

in the state (FY2025): **793**

Amount spent on projects in

the state: **\$97,799,115**

Amount spent on projects in

ATL Flyway (through FY2025):

\$358,750,076

Primary waterfowl species:

Wood Duck; Mallard; Gadwall;

Green-Winged Teal; Northern

Pintail; Ring-Necked Duck;

American Wigeon; Canvasback;

and Bufflehead

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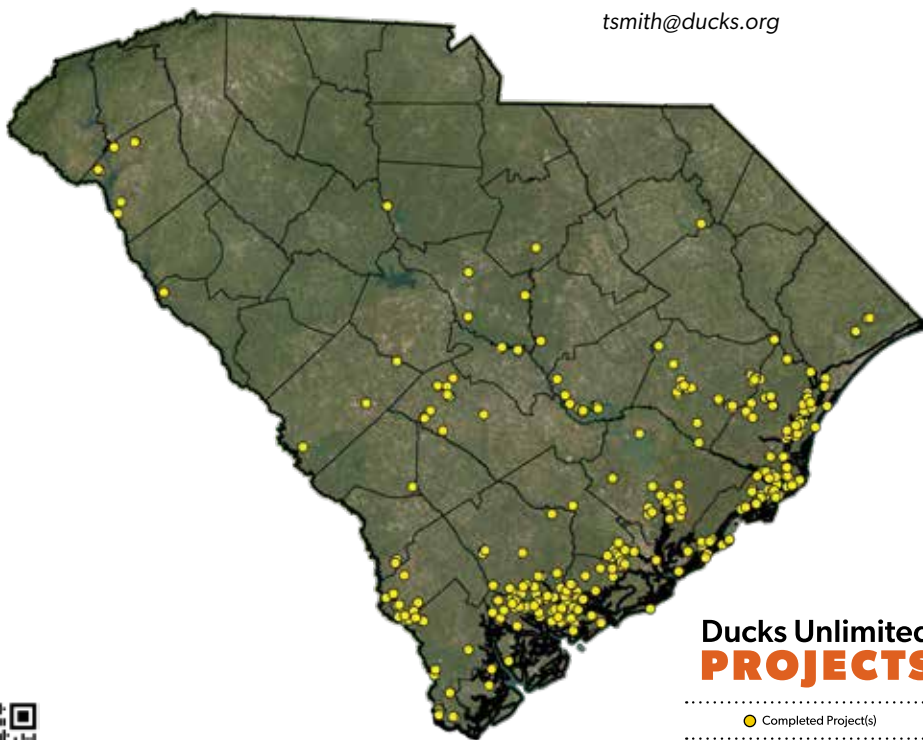
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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