

BATTEN KILL AND HUBBARDTON RIVER CLAYPLAIN PRESERVE ILF SITES

Ducks Unlimited is designing a wetland restoration site along both sides of the Batten Kill in Sunderland, Vermont, just south of Manchester. The project will include tile-drain exploration and removal, plowing to reestablish wetland topography, invasive control, and planting native wetland species. DU is also partnering with Trout Unlimited to install large wood structures in the river, add beaver dam analogs to Tanner Brook, and slope back an eroding bank, followed by planting trees and shrubs in riparian areas.

The Hubbardton River Clayplain Preserve wetland and stream restoration and rehabilitation project in West Haven, Vermont, will likely involve earthwork, disk plowing, invasive species control, planting native vegetation, and fencing to prevent deer browse. DU is partnering with The Nature Conservancy, which owns the property, to plan, design and implement the work together.



WILLOUGHBY LAKE ROAD WETLAND RESTORATION

The Willoughby Road In-Lieu-Fee (ILF) Project, Barton, Vermont, is in the Memphremagog Watershed. Ducks Unlimited is restoring hydrology by interrupting tile drains, constructing shallow, interconnected basins and plowing to restore natural rough topography. Jeff Corey Excavating completed the earthwork in October 2025, with DU overseeing construction. In the summer of 2026, invasive plants such as reed canary grass will be removed, and native species will be planted.



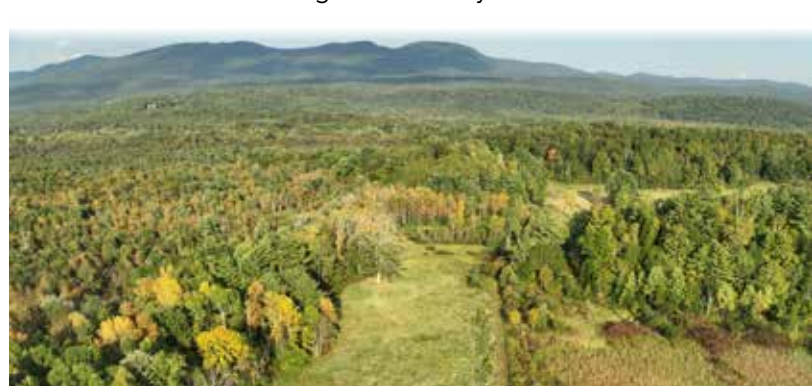
INCREASING PUBLIC ACCESS: GOULET ACQUISITION

Working with the Vermont Dept of Fish and Wildlife (VTDFW), Ducks Unlimited has partnered with the state to purchase a 176-acre property in Addison, Vermont. The property borders the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), a nearly 3,000-acre complex with a mix of habitats, including wetlands, upland forests, and agriculture. The WMA is managed primarily by the state as a waterfowl stopover, providing public access for hunting, fishing, trapping, and public viewing. Protecting this habitat will benefit wildlife and improve water quality in Lake Champlain, which lies less than 10 miles from the site. Partnering with VTDFW, Ducks Unlimited secured the property by providing financial support for due diligence and the purchase price. VTDFW brought in additional partners to support the acquisition costs. Now that the property is secured and under public management, DU will partner with the state to restore hydrology to 76 acres of previously farmed land and create shallow scrapes for waterfowl use. DU is working with partners and permit regulators on preliminary concepts and plans to survey, design, and obtain permits for the project, with delivery over the next few years.



TWIN OAKS WETLAND RESTORATION

Ducks Unlimited's Twin Oaks ILF project site along Otter Creek in Brandon, Vermont, involves removing a camp, filling ditches, plowing to restore topography, and lowering access road grades to restore hydrology. DU is working to secure a contractor for earthwork. Invasive plants will be treated in the fields and forest edges in the spring of 2026, and native trees and shrubs will be planted in the spring of 2027. Existing wetlands, including floodplain forests and a large beaver wetland complex, have been conserved, and the property is slated to become part of Vermont's Wildlife Management Area system.





VERMONT 2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 1,084
Members: 1,024
 General Members: 883
 Greenwings: 27
 Legacy Greenwing Members: 2
 Sponsor Members: 112
Major Sponsors: 60
Feather Society Members: 17

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised: **\$195,102**
 Number of committees: **12**
 Number of fundraising events: **66**
 Local chapter volunteers: **57**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$311,337**

Location of projects: Quebec; St. Lawrence Islands, Baie de Mille-Vaches, South River Project

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984): **5,581**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$6,113,321**

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

Primary waterfowl species:

Wood Duck; Black Duck; Ring Necked Duck; Green-Winged Teal and Golden-eye.

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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

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 ● Completed Project(s)

 Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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