



A SUSTAINABLE STATE OF MIND

ONLY HALF



of the world's wetlands remain intact.



MORE THAN HALF

of wetlands in the lower 48 states have been lost.

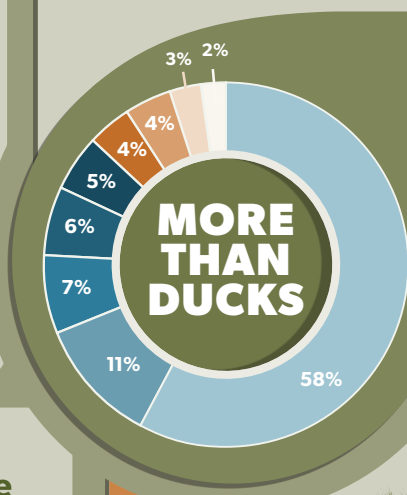
OVER 40%



of all plant and animal species rely on wetlands to survive.

The total economic value of **155 MILLION ACRES** of wetland around the world is estimated at **\$3.4 BILLION PER YEAR.**

93% OF EVERY DU DOLLAR is dedicated to wetlands and waterfowl conservation and education.



Pie chart reflects FY26 environmental interests from Corporations and Foundations

- Broad Ecological Benefits
- Water Quantity
- Water Quality
- Flood/Storm Resiliency
- Biodiversity
- Community benefits
- Soil Health/Sustainable Agriculture
- Science & research
- Carbon

Wetlands are the **most productive and diverse ecosystems** on the planet as they:



Improve water quality



Enhance biodiversity on landscapes



Reduce flood frequency and intensity



Increase soil carbon



Expand recreational opportunities

COLLECTIVE CONSERVATION



8.45 MILLION U.S. acres conserved since 1984

20.1 MILLION North American acres conserved since 1937

2026 GOAL TO-COAST CONSERVATION

2026 Goal: **950,000** acres

2026 Result: **1,157,512** acres of conservation delivered

OUR CONSERVATION COMMUNITY

939 DU STAFF help advance conservation every day.

742,500+ CONTRIBUTORS continue to support our mission to protect wetlands and waterfowl.

32,600+ VOLUNTEERS raise funds and awareness for wetland and grassland conservation.



OVER 20 MILLION North American Acres Conserved Since 1937

Ducks Unlimited habitat projects are in all 50 states, every Canadian province and in key areas of Mexico and Latin America.

In total, DU has delivered **MORE THAN 20,000 CONSERVATION PROJECTS** across North America.

2026 ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OUTCOMES*

SEDIMENT REDUCTION

213,840 metric tons of sediment = **approx. one foot of topsoil across 116 acres**

IMPACTS: enhances water quality, improves water flow in rivers and streams

PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION

202,894 kg of phosphorus = **fertilize 7,847 acres of soybeans/year**

IMPACTS: enhances water quality, decreases algae blooms and algal toxins

NITROGEN REDUCTION

1,957,918 kg of nitrogen = **fertilize 28,776 acres of corn/year**

IMPACTS: enhances water quality, provides healthier habitat for aquatic wildlife

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

205,752 metric tons of CO₂e = **emissions from 44,729 U.S. passenger vehicles/year**

IMPACTS: reduces greenhouse gases, improves soil health

AVOIDED EMISSIONS

2,748,262 metric tons of CO₂e = **emissions from 597,488 U.S. passenger vehicles/year**

IMPACTS: reduces greenhouse gases

WATER STORAGE

233,618 acre-feet = **76.1 billion gallons of water**

IMPACTS: reduces stormwater and irrigation runoff, reduces the risks of flooding, increases water quantity

**Outcomes are an annual estimate and are calculated primarily for restoration and protection of grassland, forest and wetland projects.*

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