





The Economic and Conservation Benefits of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Why Private Land Conservation?

-  75 percent of fish and wildlife species depend on private lands for survival.
-  With 2.2 million square miles of land in private ownership, conserving habitat for migratory birds, endangered species, and other Federal Trust Species is only possible through partnerships with private landowners.
-  For 3 decades, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has promoted voluntary habitat restoration on private lands.
-  The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was reauthorized with overwhelming bipartisan support on March 12, 2019 in the John D. Dingell Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act.

Accomplishments since 1987

- ✓ 50,000 projects
- ✓ 1.5 Million wetland acres
- ✓ 4.5 Million upland acres
- ✓ 12,000 Miles of stream habitat
- ✓ 45,000 private landowners
- ✓ 5,000 partner organizations
- ✓ 4:1 leveraging ratio

If funded at \$75 Million

47,500 wetland acres,
291,000 upland acres, and
855 stream miles

could be restored or enhanced annually across the United States through over 3,100 new projects and over 3,000 partnerships.

Current funding at \$51 million resulted in 32,700 wetland acres, 200,200 upland acres, and 589 stream miles restored or enhanced across the United States through 2,100 projects and 2,060 partnerships.

Economic Returns



Every \$1 the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program invests in a project generates \$8.60 in funding by project partners, creating \$15.70 in economic returns.

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3,500 Jobs Created

