

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Program seeks to efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species, including migratory birds; threatened and endangered species; inter-jurisdictional fish; certain marine mammals; and species of international concern. Partners program provides assistance to landowners to restore wildlife habitat and fish passage, often in drained wetlands and degraded stream banks, also assists with invasive species control.

Assistance Type: Financial, Technical

Financial Assistance: Consultations are free and projects are completed at little or no cost to landowners.

ELIGIBILITY

Landscape Type: Riparian, In-stream, Wetlands, Grassland, Agriculture

Resource Type: Wildlife, Water quality

Criteria: Any privately-owned land is potentially eligible; however, most applicants are agricultural producers. Funding priorities for proposed projects include: improving habitat for Federal Trust Species, complementing activities on National Wildlife Refuge System lands, contributing to the resolution of problems on refuges that are caused by off-refuge practices, addressing species and habitat priorities that have been identified through Service planning teams (with our partners) or in collaboration with state fish and wildlife agencies, reducing habitat fragmentation or serving as buffers for other important Federal or state conservation lands, promoting self-sustaining systems that are not dependent on artificial structures.