

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act) of 1989 provides matching grants to private or public organizations or to individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands and associated uplands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

History

The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. In December 2002, Congress reauthorized and amended the Act to increase the appropriation authorization to \$55 million in 2003, with \$5 million appropriation increases to occur annually until Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, reaching a total of \$75 million.

Project Funding Sources

In addition to Congressional appropriations, project

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funding is derived from moneys received from fines, penalties, and forfeitures under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and from interest accrued on the fund established under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937. Amendments to the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 direct that a portion of the moneys collected from Federal fuel excise taxes on small gasoline engines be used to support coastal ecosystem projects under the Act.

Current Funding Levels

Congress appropriated \$39.8 million for the Act for FY 2006. The total estimated funding for grants from all sources is \$64.1 million.

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council

The Act established a nine-member Council comprised of representatives from federal and state agencies and nongovernmental organizations. They are responsible for reviewing and ranking project proposals from Canada, Mexico, and the United States and for recommending projects for funding to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for final approval.

Council Members

Duane Shroufe (Chair), Arizona Game and Fish Department

John Cooper (Vice Chair), South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks

John Berry, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Matt Hogan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Michael Dennis, The Nature Conservancy

Steve Miller, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Alan Wentz, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Wayne MacCallum, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

David Nomsen, Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Mark Elsbree (Alternate), The Conservation Fund

Mary Pope Hutson (Ex Officio), Land Trust Alliance

Karen Brown (Ex Officio), Environment Canada

Felipe Ramirez (Ex Officio), SEMARNAT-Dirección General de Vida Silvestre, Mexico

David Smith (Council Coordinator), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission

Honorable Gale Norton (Chair), Secretary of the Interior

Honorable Blanche Lincoln, Senator from Arkansas

Honorable Thad Cochran, Senator from Mississippi

Honorable John Dingell, Representative from Michigan

Honorable Curt Weldon, Representative from Pennsylvania

Honorable Stephen Johnson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Honorable Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture

In Your State

Project partners may request up to \$1 million in Act grant funds from the U.S. Standard Grants Program or up to \$50,000 from the Small Grants Program.

Upcoming proposal-submission deadlines are March 3 and July 8, 2006. Turn the page to see how Act grants have helped to conserve habitat in your state.

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program
September 1990 to June 2005**

State/Territory Projects		Act \$\$	Partner \$\$	Acres	Multistate Projects		Act \$\$	Partner \$\$	Acres
AK	13	\$5,170,200	\$14,551,750	64,909	25 states				
AL	4	\$4,000,000	\$18,587,846	47,683	1	\$100,000	\$151,255	1,250	
AR	9	\$4,872,273	\$25,254,362	36,983	AR,IL,LA,MS,TN				
AZ	8	\$1,561,151	\$7,611,137	4,842	1	\$1,131,185	\$1,841,314	10,489	
CA	63	\$38,504,444	\$224,470,254	445,345	AR,KY,LA,MS,TN				
CO	12	\$5,746,400	\$23,084,865	76,841	1	\$955,898	\$2,288,736	33,187	
CT	3	\$264,918	\$534,289	372	AR,LA,MS				
DE	6	\$3,041,000	\$4,977,579	5,625	4	\$2,390,769	\$9,338,793	114,973	
FL	15	\$4,020,501	\$15,797,253	54,020	AR,LA,MS,TN				
GA	10	\$5,209,149	\$34,174,288	35,262	2	\$1,362,755	\$3,574,582	53,459	
HI	5	\$1,158,666	\$15,220,682	7,077	CA,OR				
IA	18	\$6,030,313	\$24,523,398	34,568	1	\$785,300	\$3,570,850	23,992	
ID	11	\$4,803,957	\$19,648,185	38,147	CT,MA				
IL	18	\$6,676,349	\$25,350,267	26,767	1	\$1,000,000	\$3,081,910	2,333	
IN	15	\$9,548,000	\$34,327,281	34,984	DE,MD,PA,VA				
KS	12	\$7,827,894	\$13,775,469	66,488	1	\$1,000,000	\$9,653,750	18,289	
KY	5	\$2,857,776	\$4,888,307	7,472	DE,MD,PA,VA,WV				
LA	29	\$19,723,417	\$53,949,933	477,524	2	\$1,533,000	\$3,539,038	27,211	
MA	12	\$3,481,450	\$8,985,553	1,721	GA,NC,SC				
MD	14	\$11,839,500	\$59,798,037	66,264	1	\$1,000,000	\$3,394,560	8,423	
ME	28	\$8,817,000	\$73,010,985	944,036	IA,MN				
MI	25	\$9,779,547	\$40,399,539	29,819	5	\$3,085,588	\$4,823,265	6,016	
MN	43	\$18,832,513	\$69,225,259	127,220	IA,NE				
MO	16	\$11,683,201	\$71,319,085	75,872	1	\$999,944	\$2,110,887	4,470	
MS	6	\$2,530,775	\$9,836,656	36,264	ID,WY				
MT	12	\$8,066,952	\$33,067,745	177,729	2	\$2,000,000	\$19,420,550	5,437	
NC	11	\$4,320,592	\$17,204,173	26,220	LA,MS,TX				
ND	37	\$19,614,099	\$33,803,202	756,904	1	\$474,000	\$1,196,238	23,000	
NE	10	\$4,633,870	\$11,437,251	19,008	LA,TX				
NH	7	\$5,196,750	\$14,605,711	32,956	1	\$998,952	\$6,902,220	10,719	
NJ	13	\$8,573,835	\$40,960,583	37,426	MN,SD				
NM	3	\$2,035,000	\$5,654,890	6,752	1	\$999,410	\$2,246,161	13,622	
NV	1	\$500,000	\$1,036,372	6,426	NC,VA				
NY	18	\$4,574,817	\$20,208,804	61,761	2	\$1,965,339	\$5,061,915	15,673	
OH	15	\$4,498,270	\$14,589,052	13,369	NE,WY				
OK	10	\$4,132,030	\$9,646,165	23,657	1	\$40,000	\$94,000	155	
OR	23	\$9,385,178	\$38,958,759	70,092	NH,VT				
PA	5	\$421,293	\$939,246	589	2	\$1,214,000	\$13,432,000	83,479	
PR	1	\$50,000	\$353,900	350	NL,TX				
RI	7	\$5,392,100	\$24,468,940	3,092	1	\$49,660	\$65,561	30	
SC	22	\$11,542,957	\$138,837,965	104,947	NY,VT				
SD	18	\$7,666,993	\$36,720,176	299,176	2	\$1,433,700	\$2,608,400	6,580	
TN	17	\$7,859,148	\$38,841,328	50,403	OR,WA				
TX	36	\$16,055,520	\$33,603,311	88,823	4	\$3,698,114	\$21,433,927	20,955	
UT	5	\$3,051,499	\$10,041,553	30,240	Totals				
VA	17	\$10,480,229	\$26,534,908	30,474	38	\$28,217,614	\$119,829,912	483,742	
VI	1	\$500,000	\$2,944,500	2,692	Grand Totals				
VT	2	\$1,050,000	\$7,787,250	55,847	812	\$403,009,599	\$1,703,169,344	5,294,207	
WA	41	\$16,911,403	\$75,135,701	63,681					
WI	38	\$20,112,214	\$52,182,266	97,015					
WY	4	\$186,842	\$473,424	4,730					
Totals	774	\$374,791,985	\$1,583,339,432	4,810,465					