

Washington, D.C., September 9, 2008— Based on recommendations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved \$26.1 million dollars to fund 27 U.S. projects in 20 states under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Standard Grants Program. Partners contributed matching funds of more than \$86 million. The table below contains summary data on each project.

The Act is nonregulatory and calls for voluntary partnerships to develop and implement wetlands conservation projects to benefit migratory birds and other wildlife. To be considered for funding, projects must meet certain biological criteria. Grant requests must be matched 1:1 with partner funds.

U.S. Grant Projects Approved



Northern pintail/Gary Kramer, USFWS

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Activity: P = Protection, H = Habitat Management, and O = Other

Standard Grants Program: United States

State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Partner \$ Nonmatch	Acres	Activity
AR/1,4	Bayou Meto Basin Phase II	\$999,900	\$2,033,881	\$0	12,647	H,O,P
CA/18,20	Northern Tulare/San Joaquin Basins II	\$1,000,000	\$2,021,584	\$0	7,673	H,O,P
CA/18	San Luis NWRC - Private Lands I	\$509,039	\$873,261	\$59,228	1,854	H
CO/3	San Luis Valley Rio Grande Initiative	\$1,000,000	\$2,110,500	\$15,000	3,790	H,P
FL/6	N. Florida Wetlands Conservation, Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	3,139	P
IA/2,3,4	Iowa River Corridor Wetland Initiative	\$1,000,000	\$2,948,904	\$1,024,913	4,246	H,P
LA/7	Louisiana Coastal Wetlands IV	\$1,000,000	\$2,262,651	\$0	564	H,O,P
MA/4	Buzzard's Bay Watershed: Cornell Farm	\$689,600	\$4,500,000	\$0	323	P
MA/6	The Great Marsh	\$1,000,000	\$1,862,905	\$2,005,387	563	H,P
ME/2	Cobscook Bay - Bold Coast Project Area	\$1,000,000	\$2,023,010	\$562,000	2,614	O,P
ME/1	Kennebec Estuary III	\$1,000,000	\$2,215,000	\$0	2,386	P
ME/2	Wabassus Lake Project	\$640,000	\$1,280,000	\$1,530,000	6,644	O,P
MI/1,4,5, 7-15	Saginaw Bay - Lake Erie Coastal Habitat I	\$1,000,000	\$2,421,935	\$627,900	4,748	H,O,P

MN/7	Glacial Ridge Prairie Landscape Initiative	\$1,000,000	\$4,727,400	\$12,071,619	25,356	H,P
MN/7	Upper Minnesota River Valley Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$2,132,436	\$242,000	3,914	H,O,P
MS/2	Mississippi Delta WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancements	\$999,521	\$2,219,798	\$64,728	4,370	H,O,P
MS/2	Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge Complex Wetlands	\$881,234	\$2,248,157	\$2,000	3,601	H,O,P
MT/1	Blackfoot Watershed II	\$1,000,000	\$4,944,553	\$10,000	11,053	H,P
MT/1	Rocky Mountain Front Protection Project	\$1,000,000	\$2,247,548	\$1,511,120	11,746	H,P
NC/1,3/ VA/1	Roanoke River Migratory Bird Initiative III	\$1,378,712	\$2,374,454	\$49,887	9,580	H,O,P
ND/1	Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project VII	\$1,000,000	\$1,077,390	\$102,200	18,375	O,P
SC/1,6	ACE Basin: Edisto River Corridor Protection Project III	\$1,000,000	\$24,855,404	\$3,000,000	9,319	O,P
SC/6	Cooper River - West Branch - Salt Point	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	4,135	H,P
SD/1	Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation Project II	\$1,000,000	\$1,001,730	\$68,160	2,393	O,P
TN/8	Lower Obion River, Phase V	\$1,000,000	\$3,227,433	\$0	1,017	H,O,P
TX/2,9,14, 15,18,22, 25,27-29	Wetland Restoration and Enhancement of Private & Public Lands, VI	\$1,000,000	\$1,825,885	\$100,000	6,556	H,O,P
WA/3	Black River Riparian Wetland Conservation Initiative II	\$993,950	\$2,582,000	\$281,000	3,075	H,P
Totals		\$26,091,956	\$86,017,819	\$23,327,142	165,681	
Average Match Ratio		1:3.3				

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