



ATTENTION: PRIVATE LANDOWNERS



WANTED

DEGRADED WETLANDS
AND OTHER POTENTIAL WILDLIFE HABITAT
TO RESTORE
AS PART OF THE

PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Financial Assistance Available
Receive Up To 100% Cost-Sharing



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking for
landowners interested in restoring wetlands
or other important wildlife habitat on their property.

WHAT IS PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE?

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on their property. The program focus is to restore vegetation and hydrology to historic conditions. Habitat is provided for migratory and resident waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, and a host of other wildlife which utilize wetlands.



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Basically, anyone interested in restoring wildlife habitat on their land can become a "PARTNER".
Partners include:

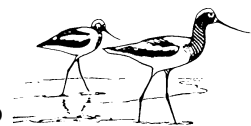
- Farmers
- Businesses
- Ranchers
- Private organizations
- Any Private Landowner
- Educational institutions
- Corporations

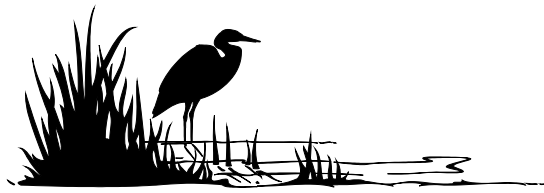
Conservation organizations, state agencies, or other federal programs often serve as partners in providing financial and/or technical assistance in implementing projects.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE FUNDED?

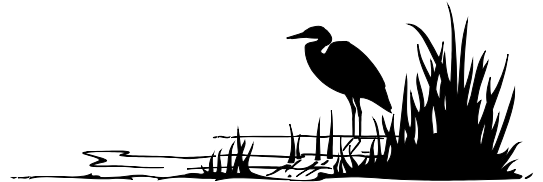
Cropland, pasture, or wet areas which have been previously drained or altered are all potential project sites. There are no restrictions on project size and areas from 5 to 2000 acres have been restored through the program. Normally, landowners restore unproductive areas of cropland or pasture or areas which are too wet to farm efficiently. All Partners projects are designed to restore fish and wildlife habitat to historic conditions. Plans may include:

- Planting trees to restore bottomland hardwoods or swamp
- restoration of native prairie
- Installing water control structures, plugging ditches, or building levees to restore hydrology on drained or partially drained areas
- Protecting and/or restoring riparian areas
- Moist-soil management and wood duck nest boxes in conjunction with other restoration measures.





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HOW DOES THE PROGRAM

WORK?

Landowners interested in habitat restoration should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to schedule a site visit (see form below). A biologist will contact you to schedule a visit to determine if your site is suitable for restoration. A restoration plan is developed and the project is submitted for funding. If your project is accepted for funding, you could:

- Receive up to 100% cost-sharing for project expenses
- Receive financial assistance from other groups (state agencies, conservation districts, other federal programs) so that your out-of-pocket expense is minimal

Financial or in-kind contribution from the landowner is not mandatory but may aid in project selection. Most importantly, landowners do not forfeit property rights and control all activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, and trespass.



WHAT'S IN THE FINE PRINT?



Participating landowners will be asked to sign an agreement to maintain the project area for a minimum of 10 years. Some projects, such as bottomland hardwood reforestation, require a longer period of time to accrue restoration benefits. Therefore, longer agreements (25 years) are negotiated for those projects whenever possible. Agreements do not involve any expense to the landowner, but he or she must agree not to drain the area or alter it in other ways.

For more information on the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and other programs benefitting private landowners, mail this form to:



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Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 1772
Ferriday, LA 71334**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parish: _____

Telephone No: _____ Best time to call: _____

Or call: (318) 336-7119 (office)

