



## Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Chesapeake Bay Field Office

### Background

Partners for Fish and Wildlife is a national program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Its goal is to help private landowners restore fish and wildlife habitat. The Chesapeake Bay Field Office Partners program assists landowners in Maryland and Delaware. It is a voluntary program and landowners retain control of their property.

### Accomplishments

❖ The Partners Program designed, created and restored 50 acres of native warm season grasses, 17 acres of upland hardwood forest, 20 acres of wetlands, and 10 acres of riparian forest buffer along a tributary to the Corsica River in Queen Anne's County, MD, reducing non-point source pollution and

providing habitat for migratory birds and endangered dwarf wedge mussels.

❖ The Jackson Lane Preserve, in Caroline County, MD, is a collection of private and state lands with unique Coastal Plain Ponds or Delmarva Bays. A 330-acre farm adjacent to the Preserve had an extensive network of drainage ditches. The Partners Program restored 220 acres of fields and 45 woodlands previously drained by manmade ditches and subsurface drainage tiles.

❖ The Partner Program developed a habitat restoration plan for the Trippe Creek watershed in Talbot County, MD. This spring 50 acres of riparian forest buffer (2 miles) and 85 acres of grassland habitat will be

### CBFO's Partners Program Accomplishments 2001-2006

- 2,240 acres of wetland
- 2,021 acres of forest
- 421 acres of grassland
- 88 miles of stream and riparian habitat

planted, ultimately restoring 300 acres of wildlife habitat and permanently protecting 200 acres of forested wetlands occupied by the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel.

### Priorities

The Partners program is using a geographic approach to restore important fish and wildlife habitats and coordinate with public and private partners. Wetland restoration, afforestation, riparian restoration will be the dominant activities in four major focal areas. The Partners program will continue its cross programmatic approach to assist in conserving Trust resources, including threatened and endangered species, migratory birds and aquatic species.

### For More Information

Contact the Partners Program at 410-573-4543 or visit [www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/Partners.htm](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/Partners.htm)

