



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in Rhode Island

Background

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provides landowners financial and technical assistance to restore fish and wildlife habitat on their properties. In Rhode Island, the program has restored riparian, freshwater wetlands, native grasslands, beach grass, salt marsh and fish habitats. There is no cost share requirement for the landowners but they are encouraged to contribute to the project and they must agree to leave the restoration in place for at least 10 years.

Accomplishments

- ❖ Since 1993, fish and wildlife habitat has been restored on over 200 acres of salt marsh.
- ❖ Restoration activities have been completed on over 300

acres of native grassland.

- ❖ Three dune, beach grass restorations were successful
- ❖ Technical assistance has been provided on over 100 projects.

Priorities

In Rhode Island, the Partners program will focus our restoration effort on salt marshes, native grasslands, and the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed (removal of fish barriers). Other types of habitat restoration projects will be considered. Projects that benefit the Service's trust species such as migratory birds, endangered species or anadromous fish will rank highest. In recent years, Land Trusts and Non-Governmental Organizations have received most of the funding.



Common Fence Point before restoration, mostly Phragmites

For More Information

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Common Fence Point, Portsmouth, RI after restoration, mostly coastal salt pond and marsh