U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service





The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in New Jersey

Background

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program (Partners) is the Service's chief program for voluntary, landowner and community-based fish and wildlife habitat restoration activities. Partners serves as a bridge to landowners and land managers to develop partnerships for the benefit of federal trust species, including migratory fish and birds and federally threatened and endangered species. The Partners approach is kept simple and based on engaging and assisting willing partners through non-regulatory methods to create, restore, and enhance wildlife habitat on their property.

Accomplishments

❖ In October 2006, Congress unanimously enacted the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act which

recognizes and authorizes Partners as a leader in private lands conservation.

- ❖ As of 2007, Partners was 20 years old nationally and 16 years old in New Jersey.
- ❖ Partners is active in all 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other Trust Territories.
- ❖ Because of the successful voluntary, flexible approach, Partners has been recognized as an integral delivery mechanism for the recovery of threatened and endangered species as well as to maintain other more common fish and wildlife species and the resources on which they depend.
- ❖ Nationally, Partners supports

National Partners Program Accomplishments 1987-2006

- > 800,000 acres of wetlands
- > 2,000,000 acres of uplands
- > 6,500 miles of stream and riparian habitat
- Over 3,000 partnering organizations

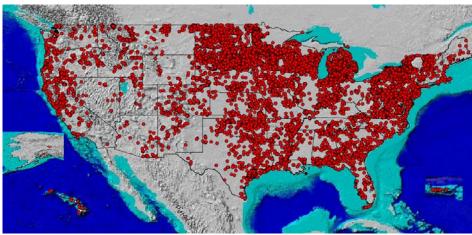
more than 41,000 private landowners with habitat creation, restoration, and enhancements.

Priorities

Partners will continue to coordinate with public and private partners to assist in reaching national conservation goals. By working cooperatively with private landowners to restore and enhance habitat on private lands, the Partners program helps reduce the reliance on regulation to achieve the Service's mission of conserving Federal Trust Species.

New Jersey Partners Program Accomplishments 1991-2006

- > 6,499 acres of wetlands
- > 3,009 acres of uplands
- > 49 miles of stream and riparian habitat
- > Over 100 partnering organizations



National Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishment Sites 1987-2006

Project Sites in New Jersey

