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Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is a voluntary and non-regulatory partnership program that helps private landowners restore wetlands and other important fish and wildlife habitats on their own lands.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is active in all 50 States, U.S. territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. For almost 20 years, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has provided technical assistance and delivered on-the-ground habitat restoration projects, in partnership with our Nation's private landowners, farmers, ranchers, and corporations.

A simple phone call or letter initiates the process. The Service biologist works one-on-one with the landowner to develop a project plan addressing the goals and objectives of the landowner to benefit fish and wildlife species on his/her land.

To implement a project, a cooperative agreement with a minimum duration of 10 years is signed. The Service provides cost-sharing for project implementation.

Any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. Most applicants are individual private landowners. For purposes of this program, "privately-owned" means land not owned by a State or the Federal Government.

As of 2005, the Program has:

- Restored over 735,000 acres of wetlands;
- Restored over 1,867,000 acres of prairie, shrub and forest upland habitat;
- Restored over 6,806 miles of riparian and instream habitat;
- Implemented over 37,700 landowner and cooperative agreements; and
- Leveraged Program dollars at least 3:1 through partnerships.



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