



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in Kentucky

Background

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is a voluntary habitat restoration program for private landowners, and is one of the most popular and effective conservation programs in Kentucky. The Partners program works on private lands and with private landowners to proactively restore habitat for numerous species. Its approach is simple: Engage willing partners, with non-regulatory incentives, to conserve and protect federal trust species on private lands.

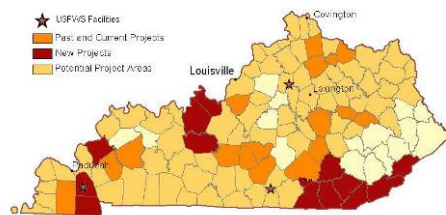
Accomplishments

- ❖ Since 1999, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in Kentucky has, and continues to, assist with the restoration and enhancement of most ecosystems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that benefits federal trust species.
- ❖ Most of the Partners projects are with private landowners who do not have the technical and financial means to restore fish and wildlife habitat themselves.
- ❖ The Partners program helps to coordinate and develop landscape and watershed level projects with over 50 conservation partners.

- ❖ The Partners program works with various educational institutions to promote conservation and habitat restoration education.

Priorities

The priority of the Partners program is to provide innovative, current, and proven restoration techniques, while delivering the practices in an efficient and cost effective manner. Because of the great biological diversity in Kentucky, the Partners Program works in all areas of Kentucky, however, the main geographic priority areas are:



- Bayou du Chien watershed
- Terrapin Creek watershed
- Clark's River watershed
- Livingston Creek watershed of the Lower Cumberland River
- Upper Green River Basin
- Buck Creek Watershed
- Rockcastle River Watershed
- Muddy and Silver Creek watersheds of the Kentucky River
- Licking River Basin

Partners Program Accomplishments 1999-2006

- Over 1,215 acres of native grasses established
- 37 miles of stream and riparian habitat restored or enhanced
- 339 acres of wetland & bottomland hardwoods restored
- Over 90 projects
- Precluded the listing of 3 cave species under the ESA
- Provided technical assistance for over 150,000 acres

- Upper Cumberland River Basin
- Lapland (Big) Barrens Prairie Region

Primary habitats of focus include but are not limited to:

- Streams and Riparians
- Wetland and Bottomland Hardwood Forests
- Rare Prairie, Barren and other Grasslands
- Caves and Karst Habitats
- Other Rare Habitats

For More Information

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